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The righteous man will give his heart to resort early to the Lord That made him, and will pray before the Most High, and will open his mouth in prayer, and make supplication for his sins.—*Ecclus.* xxxix. 6.

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PREFACE.

IN offering this short Manual to the Catholic Laity of the Anglican Church, it is perhaps advisable to remark that the object with which it has been compiled is to assist their devotions, and not to afford instruction either on points of doctrine or devotional practice; consequently, with few exceptions, this little book will be found to contain no directions as to matters with which it may be presumed a well-instructed Catholic will be acquainted. Bound up with the Book of Common Prayer, the ENGLISH CATHOLIC'S VADE MECUM will supply in one volume of convenient size all the Prayers necessary to enable Christians to perform their ordinary morning, mid-day, and evening devotions, to assist at the Sacrifice, to confess and communicate devoutly, to commemorate the Sacred Seasons and Saints' Days, to assist the dying, to pray for the dead, to carry on family worship, and to join in the public offices of the Church. Being intended for Christians living in the world, the forms of devotion are brief, and are, as far as possible, broken into paragraphs, so as to allow of their being shortened or extended at pleasure.

The Orders for Prime and Compline are inserted as being useful forms for family devotion,—a pious practice, which should be omitted in no Christian family, except where all are in the habit of attending daily some public office in the Church.

It is ventured to give the following suggestions as to the conduct of family prayers :—

If there be no Oratory in the house, let some devotional picture or representation (*e.g.*, a picture or figure of the Crucifixion, Christ in His Mother's arms, &c.) be placed in a conspicuous part of the room used for the prayers. (Such an object should never be esteemed out of place in *any* room used by Christians for purposes of their daily life.) Before the prayers begin, let all be seated, and let the master of the family read a portion of the Sacred Scriptures, never more than a dozen or twenty verses, lest more be read than can be really remembered, (the Gospels, the exhortatory portions of the Epistles, parts of Proverbs, Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus, are the best adapted for this purpose); then let the Office of Prime (in the morning) or Compline (at night) be said, all kneeling or standing with their faces turned towards the Sacred Object mentioned: the resemblance between the Offices given, and the Prayer-Book Mattins and Evensong is sufficiently close to enable those who are well acquainted with the one, to know when to stand, kneel, &c., during the other. If the unvarying use of these Offices is found to be wearisome, (which many, however, do not think to be the case,) the plan might be diversified by having during one week Prime in the morning, and one of the Litanies, according to the day of the week, in the evening; the next week a Litany in the morning, and Compline at night, &c.

The alterations and additions, which will be found in this Third Edition, have nearly all been made at the suggestion or with the advice of experienced directors of conscience and others, who have found the book useful to their people.

Thanks must here be given to those who have kindly allowed Hymns, of which they own the copyright, to be made use of in this book. Special mention must be made of the Rev. E. Caswall, so many of whose very beautiful and devout compositions and translations enrich these pages, of the Compilers of "The People's Hymnal," and of Messrs. Novello, who have kindly allowed the insertion here of five of Dr. Neale's invaluable translations from "The Hymnal Noted"—viz., "Come, Thou Holy Paraclete," p. 5; "O God of truth," p. 9; "Jesu!—The very thought," p. 80; "Now that the daylight," p. 147; "Before the endings" p. 152.

The Compiler would earnestly ask all his brethren and sisters who use this book not to forget his soul in their prayers, that, whether among the living or the dead, he may be found in Christ.

Prayer is the water of benediction, which, descending on the plants of our good desires, revives their verdure, and makes them flourish, cleanses our souls from their imperfections, and allays in our hearts the thirst of inordinate passions.—*St. Francis of Sales.*

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2. To abstain from meat on Fridays, and to keep all the Fast-days of the Church.

3. To confess our sins to our Pastor, or some other Priest, each time our conscience is burdened by mortal sin.

4. To receive the Holy Communion at Easter, and twice a year besides. (The two other times besides Easter are generally said to be Christmas and Whitsuntide.)

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5. Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

6. Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

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Before any public or private office of devotion.

O LORD, open Thou my lips to bless Thy Holy Name : cleanse also my heart from all vain, wicked, and wandering thoughts : enlighten mine understanding, enkindle mine affections ; that worthily, attentively, and devoutly, I may be able to offer my worship unto Thee, and may be accounted worthy graciously to be heard in the presence of Thy Divine Majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, in union with that divine intention wherewith Thou didst offer worship to God upon earth I offer my worship unto Thee. Amen.

After Devotion.

WHATSOEVER in this my worship I have done amiss in thought, word, or deed, through the weakness of the flesh, the perversity of my will, or the malice of the devil, do Thou, O most loving Father, graciously pardon, for the sake of the merits of the Passion and Death of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, and blessed be the Sacred Humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ to endless ages. Amen.

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VADE MECUM.

Common Forms.

The Lord's Prayer, or Pater Noster.

OUR Father, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy Will be done in earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Angelic Salutation, or Ave Maria.

HAIL MARY, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women; and blessed is the Fruit of thy Womb, Jesus. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed, or Credo.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the

dead, He ascended into Heaven, And sitteth on the Right Hand of God, the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Doxology, or Gloria Patri.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Confession, or Confiteor.

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary, and to all Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed; by my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault *(here strike your breast three times)*. Wherefore, I beg that Blessed Mary and all Saints may pray to the Lord our God for me.

God Almighty have mercy upon me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant to us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins. Amen.

The Prayer "Anima Christi."

SOUL of Christ, hallow me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy Wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.
From the malicious enemy protect me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to Thee.
That with Thy Saints I may praise Thee
For ever and ever. Amen.

HYMNS TO THE HOLY GHOST.

Veni Creator Spiritus.

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire:
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed Unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love:
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face,
With the abundance of Thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
Where Thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of Both, to be but One:
That through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song:

Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Another Version.

COME Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
Vouchsafe within our souls to rest.
The hearts which Thou hast made, inspire
And lighten with celestial fire.

Thy name is called the Paraclete,
Of God most high the Gift so sweet,
The Living Fountain, Fire and Love,
And ghostly Unction from above.

Thou dost Thy sevenfold Gifts impart,
The Finger of God's Hand Thou art,
Thou art the Father's Promise true,
Who dost our lips with speech endue.

Thy Light to every sense impart,
And shed Thy love in every heart;
The weakness of our mortal flesh
With never-failing strength refresh.

Keep far away our ghostly Foe,
At home Thy holy peace bestow;
With Thee before us as our Guide,
No evil can our steps betide.

The Father and the Son may we
Be truly taught to know, through Thee,
And so shall we, for evermore,
Thee, Spirit of Them Both, adore.

Praise to the Father, and the Son,
Praise to the Paraclete be done,
And may the Son upon us send
The Spirit's Gifts, world without end. Amen.

Veni Sancte Spiritus.

COME Thou Holy Paraclete,
And from Thy celestial seat
Send Thy light and brilliancy:
Father of the poor, draw near,
Giver of all gifts, be here:
Come, the Soul's true radiancy!

Come, of Comforters the best,
Of the soul the sweetest Guest,
Come in toil refreshingly:
Thou in labour Rest most sweet,
Thou art Shadow from the heat,
Comfort in adversity.

O Thou Light most pure and blest,
Shine within the inmost breast
Of Thy faithful company.
Where Thou art not man hath nought;
Every holy deed and thought
Comes from Thy Divinity.

What is soilèd, make Thou pure;
What is wounded, work its cure;
What is parchèd, fructify:
What is rigid, gently bend;
What is frozen, warmly tend;
Strengthen what goes erringly.

Fill Thy faithful, who confide
In Thy power to guard and guide,
With Thy sevenfold Mystery;
Here Thy grace and virtue send;
Grant salvation in the end,
And in Heaven felicity. Amen.

Morning Prayers.

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever, and world without end. Amen.

Act of Adoration.—I worship Thee, O most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Three Persons, One Only God, and trusting in Thy mercy I cast myself down in Thy Presence and abase myself before Thee.

Act of Faith.—I most firmly believe all that Thou hast revealed to us in the Holy Scriptures, and which Thou by Thy Church hast set before us to be believed. For Thou art the one and everlasting Truth. Lord, increase my faith.

Act of Hope.—All my hope is in Thee; every good thing which I desire for this life or the next, for body or for soul, I look for from Thine hand alone, my God, my Life, my only Hope. Increase, O Lord, my hope and my trust in the merits of my only Saviour Jesus Christ.

Act of Charity.—I love Thee, O Infinite Goodness, for Thine own sake, with every power of my soul. I love Thee, my God, above all things, and my neighbour for Thy sake. O Lord, increase my charity.

Act of Contrition.—O my God, Thou art worthy of unfailing love and service, because Thou art what Thou art: therefore do I grieve from mine inmost soul for all my sins, and abhor them above all other evils, because I love Thee, my God, above all things, and because my sins so highly offend Thee: I earnestly entreat Thy pardon, and firmly resolve to offend Thee no more.

Act of Thanksgiving.—I give thanks unto Thee for Thy great glory; for all the gifts bestowed upon the whole mystical Body of Christ, especially upon the glorious Virgin Mary and all Saints; and for all the gifts given to all Thy creatures, and especially for those bestowed upon me, the most unworthy of all.

Act of Resolution.—I most firmly resolve to order, this day, all the powers of my soul and body, all my thoughts, words, and deeds, according to Thy will, and to Thy honour and glory.

I am ready to receive at Thine hand all troubles and adversities which Thou shalt for my good send me; I desire to be the means whereby all Thy creatures may serve Thee.

I resolve to consent to nothing that in any way may be to Thy dishonour, or displeasing to Thy Divine Majesty.

Act of Oblation.—I offer unto Thy Divine Majesty, in union with the merits of the Life, Passion, and Death of my only Saviour Jesus Christ, all my whole being, my thoughts, words, and deeds, both this day and for ever, that they may be washed and hallowed by the most precious Blood of my Redeemer.

I offer myself unto Thee, in union with the prayers, intercessions, and good works of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all Saints in Heaven, and of all Thy faithful here upon earth.

Act of Commendation.—To Thee, O Lord, I commend this day all my actions, especially —— and ——, and all that I shall do, say, or think,

Act of Petition.—Preserve me this day, O Lord, from sin, especially from —— and ——; keep me from bodily harm, prosper the work of my hands, the words of my tongue, the thoughts and desires

of my heart, guide me in doubt, deliver me in danger.

Act of Intercession.—Have mercy upon Thy whole Catholic Church, upon the faithful, upon all pastors, especially N. our parish priest; and upon all prelates, especially N. our Bishop; Bless my (parents and) all for whom I am bound to pray, especially (brethren ——, children ——, kinsfolk ——, Spiritual pastors ——, benefactors ——, friends ——, &c. &c. &c.) And to all the dead in Christ (especially ——) do Thou grant eternal rest and peace.

Act of Union with God.—Into Thy Wounds, O Jesus, do I cast myself; there hide me, there keep me now, that I may love Thee evermore. My God, let me not be separated from Thee for ever.

Our Father. Hail Mary. I believe. Glory be.

Prayers at Meditation.

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O my God, Thou art here, Thou seest me, Thou knowest me, my thoughts are not hid from Thee.

Veni Creator Spiritus, page 3,
or,
Veni Sancte Spiritus, page 5.
(Here follows the Meditation.)

After Meditation.

The Prayer "Suscipe Domine."

TAKE, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my whole will. All that I am, all that I have, Thou hast

given me, and I give it back again to Thee, to be disposed of according to Thy good pleasure. Give me only Thy love and Thy grace; with these I am rich enough.

Then, "*Anima Christi*," page 2.

Mid-day Prayers.

Rector potens, verax Deus.

O GOD of truth, O Lord of might
Who ord'rest time and change aright,
And send'st the early morning ray,
And light'st the glow of perfect day.

Extinguish Thou each sinful fire,
And banish every ill desire,
And while Thou keep'st the body whole,
Shed forth Thy peace upon the soul.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine Only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

Examen.

Am I watching against sin?

Have I fallen into my besetting sin? How often?

Have I fallen into any mortal sin?

Prayer.

O MY God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee with all my heart. I detest all my sins for love of Thee, and resolve to sin no more. I offer unto Thee all that I have and all that I am. Blessed be Thy Name for evermore.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by His Cross and Passion we may be brought into the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

The Angelus.

N.B.—It is a common custom among Catholics to recite the following prayers thrice a day (viz., at 6 a.m., Noon, and 6 p.m.) in honour of the Mystery of the Holy Incarnation.

THE Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary.

Behold the Handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me accord to thy word.

Hail Mary.

And the Word was made Flesh, and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary.

Let us pray.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts, &c.

Evening Prayers.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn—Veni Creator, p. 3,

or

Veni Sancte Spiritus, p. 5.

Examen.

Act of Thanksgiving.—Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: all that is within me rejoices in Thee, O God, and gives thanks unto Thee for Thy goodness unto me, especially this day.

Examen.

What sins have I fallen into this day? Have I been proud—impure—slothful—frivolous—angry beyond measure—in thought—in word—or in deed? Am I now indulging in affection for any sin? What duties have I left undone? What practices of piety have I neglected?

Confiteor.

I confess to Almighty God, &c., p. 2.

Act of Contrition.—Wherefore should I have offended Thee, and wherefore should I have so gone astray from Thee by sin, O my God, my Life, and my All? Forgive, O Father, Thy child, who now returns unto Thee penitent, asking for pardon, and resolving to sin no more, for the sake of the merits of the Death and Passion of my only Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Act of Commendation.—I commend to Thee, O sweet Jesus Crucified, my body and soul this night and for ever. Let my sleep be sound and refreshing, if it be Thy Holy Will. I commend to Thy most sure keeping all for whom I ought to pray, whether living or dead. Amen.

May the Holy Angel of God defend me and all who sleep in this house from sin and evil. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary. I Believe. Glory be.

Last Prayers.

BY Thy Holy Cross, ✠ deliver us from all our enemies, O Good Jesus; and from sudden and unprepared death Good Lord, deliver us.

Let the intercession of St. Mary and all Thy Saints assist us to obtain help and salvation from Thee, O Lord.

Lighten my eyes that I sleep not in death, lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest, for it is Thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

God have mercy upon all Christian souls.

HYMN OF ST. IGNATIUS.

I LOVE, I love Thee, Lord most high,
Because Thou first has loved me;
I seek no other liberty
But that of being bound to Thee.

May memory no thought suggest,
But shall to Thy pure glory tend;
My understanding find no rest
Except in Thee, its only End.

My God, I here protest to Thee,
No other will have I than Thine;
Whatever Thou hast given to me
I here again to Thee resign.

All mine is Thine,—say but the word;
Whate'er Thou willest shall be done;
I know Thy love, all-gracious Lord;
I know it seeks my good alone.

Apart from Thee all things are nought :
Then grant, O my supremest Bliss,
Grant me to love Thee as I ought ;
Thou givest all in giving this. Amen.

Graces.

Before Meat.

✠THE eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord ; and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest Thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

Glory be, &c.

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, of which, by Thy bounty, we are going to partake. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After Meat.

✠O PRAISE the Lord, all ye heathen : praise Him, all ye nations.

For His merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us : and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Glory be, &c.

We give Thee thanks, Almighty God, for all Thy benefits ; Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

Acts of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Contrition.

Prayer before the Acts.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, give unto us the increase of Faith, Hope, and

Charity; and, that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Faith.

I MOST firmly believe, O my God, whatever Thy Holy Catholic Church believes and teaches, because Thou, Who art the unfailing Truth, has revealed it to her. I believe that there is One God in Three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. I believe that the Second Person, God the Son, became Man, suffered and died on the Cross for the redemption of the whole world; that He arose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and at the end of the world shall come to judge all mankind according to their works, rewarding the good with eternal life, and punishing the wicked with eternal fire. In this faith I hope and resolve, O my God, by Thy grace to live; and in it, and if need be for it, to die.

Act of Hope.

O MY God, relying on Thine almighty power, and Thine infinite mercy and goodness, and because Thou art faithful to Thy promises, I trust in Thee that Thou wilt grant me forgiveness of my sins, through the merits of Jesus Christ Thy Son; and that Thou wilt give me the assistance of Thy grace, with which I may labour to continue to the end in the diligent exercise of all good works, and may be deemed worthy to obtain the glory which Thou hast promised in heaven.

Act of Charity.

O LORD my God, I love Thee with my whole heart, and above all things, because Thou, O God, art the sovereign good, and for Thine own infinite perfections art most worthy of all love; and for Thy sake I also love my neighbour as myself.

An Act of Contrition.

O MY God, for the sake of Thy sovereign goodness and infinite perfection, which I love above all things, I am exceedingly sorry from the bottom of my heart, and am grieved for having offended, by my sins, this Thine infinite goodness; and I firmly resolve, by the assistance of Thy grace, never more to offend Thee for the time to come, and carefully to avoid the occasions of sin.

THE END OF OUR BEING.

OFT, my soul, thyself remind
Of the end thy God designed,
When He sent thee here on earth,
Heir of an immortal birth.

Ah, what else did He desire,
Save in graces to attire,
Than to crown with glory bright,
Thee the child of His delight?

Learn, O spirit, learn to know
This thy single end below;
Learn by this alone to weigh
All the passing world's display.

Whatsoe'er this end obscures;
Whatsoe'er from it allures;
What impedes it, or belies,—
Sever from thee, timely wise.

Every moment, day and night,
Keep it clearly in thy sight;
If thou hope, o'ercoming sin,
Joys of endless life to win. Amen.

TWO METHODS OF ASSISTING AT

THE SUPPER OF THE LORD AND HOLY COMMUNION,

COMMONLY CALLED

The Mass.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Direction of the Intention.

O HOLY Trinity, One God, I, a most unworthy sinner, appear before Thee to offer unto Thee, by the hands of Thy Priest, the Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ [and to receive the Holy Sacrament of the same Body and Blood], in union with the Sacrifice offered by the same our Lord at the Last Supper and upon the Altar of the Cross. I desire to offer [and to receive] It with all the love and contrition whereof I am capable, in conformity vith those sacred intentions wherewith our Saviour instituted, and our Holy Mother the Church ever offers It. I desire, then, to offer [and to receive] It—

1. To the glory of Thy Holy Name.
2. In acknowledgment of Thy dominion over me and over all Thy creatures.
3. In memory of the Passion of our Saviour Christ.
4. In thanksgiving for all the benefits ever bestowed upon Thy creatures.
5. For the remission of the sins of all Christians, living or dead.
6. For —— and —— [*here name special intentions*].

Accept this my Sacrifice [and Communion], perform my desires, according to Thine own will. Amen.

FIRST METHOD.—FOR HEARERS.

When the Priest prays before the Altar.

Antiphon.—I will go unto the Altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Psalm xliii., *Judica me, Deus.*

Antiphon.—I will go, &c.

I confess to Almighty God, &c., p. 2.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to take away from us all our iniquities, that we may be worthy, with pure minds, to enter into Thy most holy place. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Offertory.

O HOLY Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, receive this pure Sacrifice, which I, Thine unworthy servant, offer unto Thee, my God, the living and the true, by the hands of Thy Priest, for my numberless sins, offences, and negligences, for all here present, and for all faithful Christians,

quick and dead, that to me and to them it may profit unto health and eternal life. Amen.

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, the Cup of Salvation, humbly beseeching Thy mercy that it may go up as a sweet-smelling savour for our health and that of the whole world. Amen.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, be this new Sacrifice acceptable to Almighty God.

In an humble spirit, and in a contrite heart, let us be accepted, O Lord, by Thee; and so let our Sacrifice be in Thy sight, that it may be accepted by Thee, this day, and that it may be pleasing unto Thee, O Lord, my God.

For the Celebrant.—The Grace of the Holy Ghost enlighten thine heart and thy lips, and the Lord worthily accept this Sacrifice of Praise at Thy hands for our sins and offences.

O Holy Trinity, accept this Oblation which I offer unto Thee in memory of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant that it may go up well pleasing in Thy sight, and that it may work everlasting salvation for me and for all Thy faithful servants. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before the Consecration.

MOST Merciful Father, we most humbly pray and beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to accept and to bless these Gifts, these Offerings, these holy unspotted Sacrifices, which we offer unto Thee, firstly, for Thy Holy Catholic Church (which may it please Thee to preserve in peace, to keep, to knit in one, and to govern throughout all the world), and together with it for Thy servant our Bishop, our Queen, for

all the orthodox, and for all professors of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaidens, N. and N., and of all here present, whose faith Thou knowest, whose devotion Thou beholdest, for whom we do offer, or do themselves offer unto Thee this Sacrifice of Praise for themselves, for all their kinsfolk, for the redemption of their souls, for hope of health and safety, and do pay their vows unto Thee, the Eternal God, the Living and the True.

Joining in Communion, and reverencing the memory, firstly of the Glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ; and also of Thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, and of all Thy Saints, for whose sake, and at whose prayers do Thou grant that in all things we may be defended by the help of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

We therefore beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this, the Oblation of our own service, and of the service of all Thy whole family, and do Thou order our days in Thy peace, deliver us from eternal damnation, and suffer us to be numbered in the flock of Thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Consecration of the Bread.

HAIL Saving Victim! Incarnate Word! Son of the Virgin! Hail Precious Body of the Son of God! Hail Sacred Flesh, once torn with nails, pierced with a lance, and bleeding on the Cross! Lord, Who has given Thyself to us, grant us to give ourselves wholly to Thee. Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief.

At the Consecration of the Chalice.

HAIL Precious Blood, Fruit of the True Vine, Chalice of Salvation! O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

O Saving Victim! slain to bless,
Who op'st the Heavenly Gate to all,
The attacks of many a foe oppress;
Give strength in strife, and help in fall.

To God, the Three in One, ascend
All thanks and praise for evermore;
He grant the life that shall not end
Upon the Heavenly Country's shore. Amen.

After the Consecration.

O LORD, we Thy servants, Thy holy people, having in remembrance the ever-blessed Passion, as also the Resurrection from the grave, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of the same Christ, Thy Son, our Lord God, do offer unto Thy glorious Majesty of these Thine Own gifts bestowed upon us, a pure Offering, a holy Offering, a spotless Offering, even the Holy Bread of eternal life, and the Cup of everlasting salvation.

Upon which may it please Thee to look with favourable and gracious Countenance, and to accept them even as it pleased Thee to accept the gifts of Thy righteous servant Abel, the sacrifice of our Patriarch Abraham, and that holy sacrifice, that spotless offering, which Thy High Priest Melchisedech offered unto Thee.

We humbly beseech Thee, Almighty God, to

command these things to be carried by the hands of Thy Holy Angel to Thine Altar on high, before the sight of Thy Divine Majesty, that whosoever, by partaking at this Altar, shall receive the most holy Body and Blood of Thy Son, may be filled with all heavenly benediction and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be mindful, O Lord, of the souls of Thy servants N. and N., who are gone hence before us in the sign of faith, and do now rest in the sleep of peace. We beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant unto them, and unto all who rest in Christ, a place of refreshment, of light, and of peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

May it please Thee to grant also unto us, Thy sinful servants, who put our trust in the multitude of Thy mercies, some part and fellowship with all Thy Saints, into whose company we beseech Thee to admit us, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Christ our Lord, by Whom, O Lord, Thou dost ever create all these good things, and dost hallow, quicken, bless, and bestow them upon us, by Him, and with Him, and in Him, unto Thee, O God the Father Almighty, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory are given, world without end. Amen.

At the Priest's Communion.

O LAMB of God, That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Act of Spiritual Communion.

O MOST loving Saviour, although I am not now about to receive Thee Sacramentally, yet suffer me to gather up the crumbs that fall from Thy Table, and to unite myself to Thy Sacred Heart by faith, hope, and charity. I confess that I do not deserve the children's Bread; but I humbly protest before Thee that my soul hungers and is athirst for Thee my God and Saviour. Come, then, into me, O my Divine Saviour; come into my mind, enlighten it with Thy brightness; come into my heart, enkindle it with the fire of Thy love, and unite it so closely with Thine own that it may be no more I that live, but Thou That livest and reignest in me for ever. Amen.

Offering of Special Intention.

O ALMIGHTY Father, look upon the Face of Thy Christ, and for the sake of His meritorious Sacrifice and Death, which we do here show forth before Thee, grant me according unto Thine own will——. Lord, perform all my petition. Not my will, but Thine be done.

The Litanies, pp. 59 to 79; *The "Aspirations,"* p. 54; "*Devotions for the Sacred Seasons*" pp. 113 to 127; &c. &c.

After the Benediction.

LET the worship of this my service be pleasing unto Thee, O Holy Trinity, and grant that this Sacrifice which I, unworthy, have offered before the eyes of Thy Majesty may be acceptable

unto Thee, and may obtain favour, through Thy loving-kindness, for myself and for all for whom I have offered it. Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

SECOND METHOD.—FOR COMMUNICANTS.

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When the Priest prays before the Altar.

WHO can worthily draw nigh unto this adorable Sacrifice, unless Thou, O Lord God Almighty, make him worthy? I know, O Lord; yea, surely do I know, and this do I confess to Thy loving mercy, that I am not worthy to draw near to so high a Mystery, by reason of my many sins, and my numberless negligences. But I know, and truly do I believe with my whole heart, and confess with my lips, that Thou canst make me worthy, Who alone canst make that clean which cometh out of what is unclean, and sinners to be righteous and holy. By this, Thine Almighty power, I pray Thee, grant to me, a sinner, to approach this Holy Sacrifice with fear and trembling, with purity of heart and streams of tears, with spiritual gladness and heavenly joy. May my mind feel the sweetness of Thy most blessed Presence, and the guardianship of Thy Holy Angels, round about me.

I confess to Almighty God, &c., p. 2.

At the Offertory.

RECEIVE, O Eternal Father, this Offering, which is here made to Thee by Thy Priest in the Name of us all here present and of Thy

whole Church. It is as yet only bread and wine, but, by a miracle of Thy power and grace, will shortly become the Body and Blood of Thy beloved Son. He is our High Priest, and He is our Victim. With Him and through Him we desire to draw nigh unto Thee this day, and by His hands, to offer Thee this Sacrifice, for Thine own honour, in thanksgiving for all Thy benefits, in satisfaction for all our sins, to obtain ——, and mercy for all Thy faithful. With this Offering of Thine only-begotten Son, we offer ourselves unto Thee, beseeching that by virtue of this Sacrifice we may be united unto Thee, and that nothing in life or death may ever separate us from Thee. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, vouchsafe to receive this our Sacrifice, in memory of our Saviour's Death and Passion. Grant that we may die with Him to our sins. Let those Saints, whose memory we celebrate upon earth, remember us before Thy throne in Heaven, and obtain mercy for us.

Come, Holy Ghost, sanctify this bread and wine, that they may become the Body and Blood of Christ; sanctify also our souls and bodies, that, like the Ever-Virgin Mary, we may become worthy dwelling-places for Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before the Consecration.

O JESU, Thou art the God That doeth wonders; behold now those marvellous Mysteries begin to take place which neither Cherubim nor Seraphim, nor any of the heavenly powers, can fully understand: for Thou alone knowest the depth and height of that love whereby Thou continually offerest Thyself to God the Father upon our Altars

as a Sacrifice and an Oblation for our salvation. With lowly adoration do all the Holy Angels worship Thee, their God and their Lord, when they see Thee, Who wast made Man of old time for our redemption, veil Thy glory and Thy beauty beneath the poor forms of bread and wine for our nourishment and support. O Good Jesu, how greatly are those Mysteries, which Thou dost bring to pass, to be reverenced and worshipped! I am most unworthy to assist thereat, and therefore I abase myself in the dust before Thee, and beseech Thee to give me that portion of these Good Things which falleth to me, for from hence all Thine elect look for health and life. Would that I might so take part in this Sacrifice that none of Its effect might be lost to myself, or to those for whom I offer it. Wherefore, I entreat Thee, grant unto Thy Priest such grace that he may worthily handle and offer Thy Body and Blood, and so may all Thy faithful people, whether quick or dead, receive health and refreshment. Amen.

We wait for Thee, O Jesu, our souls long for Thee. Come, Lord Jesus!

At the Consecration.

BLESSED is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

Hail to all Eternity, Thou most holy Flesh of Christ, my chiefest Sweetness before all things, and beyond all things. The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be to me, a sinner, the Way and the Life.

Hail to all eternity, Thou heavenly Drink, my chiefest Sweetness before all things. The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ profit me, a sinner, for everlasting healing unto eternal life. Amen.

Hail, True Body! born of Mary,
  Spotless Virgin's virgin birth;
Thou Who truly hangedst weary
  On the Cross for sons of earth;
Thou Whose Sacred Side was riven,
  Whence the Water flowed and Blood;
O may'st Thou, dear Lord, be given
  At death's hour to be our Food.
O most kind! O gracious One!
O sweetest Jesu, Holy Mary's Son! Amen.

After the Consecration.

O GREAT High Priest, the true Priest, Jesus Christ, Who didst offer Thyself to God the Father, a pure and spotless Victim, upon the Altar of the Cross, for us miserable sinners; and didst give us Thy Flesh to eat, and Thy Blood to drink; and didst ordain that holy Mystery in the power of Thy Holy Ghost, saying, This do in remembrance of Me: I pray Thee, by the same Thy Blood, the great price of our salvation; I pray Thee by that wonderful and unspeakable love wherewith Thou deignest so to love us, miserable and unworthy, as to wash us from our sins in Thy Blood; teach me, Thine unworthy servant, by Thy Holy Ghost, to approach so great a Mystery with such reverence and honour, with such devotion and fear as I ought and as is fitting. Make me, through Thy grace, always so to believe and understand, to conceive and firmly to hold, to think and to speak of that exceeding Mystery as may please Thee, and shall be good for my soul.

Let Thy good Spirit enter my heart and there be heard without utterance; and without the sound

of words, speak all truth : since Thy mysteries are exceeding deep, and covered with a sacred veil.

For Thy great mercy's sake, grant me to approach Thy Holy Mysteries with a clean heart and a pure mind. Free my heart from all defiling and unholy, from all vain and hurtful thoughts. Fence me about with the holy and faithful guard and mighty protection of Thy blessed Angels, that the enemies of good may go away ashamed.

By the virtue of this mighty Mystery, and by the hand of Thy holy Angel, drive away from me, and from all Thy faithful servants, the hard spirit of pride and vain-glory, envy and blasphemy, impurity and uncleanness, doubting and mistrust. Let them be confounded that seek after my soul to destroy it ; let them perish that seek my hurt.

Before Communion.

O LAMB of God, That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, Who, led by mercy, didst will that Thine Only-begotten shouldest come down to this lower world, and shouldest take flesh, which Flesh, I, although unworthy, am about to receive, I worship Thee, I glorify Thee, and with the whole desire of my mind and heart I praise Thee, and beseech Thee not to leave us, Thy servants, but forgive us our sins, so that we may be worthy to serve Thee, the only living and true God, with pure heart and

chaste body. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesu Christ, Son of the Living God, Who, according to the Will of the Father, and by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast quickened the world by Thy Death, deliver me, I beseech Thee, by this Thy most holy Body and by this Blood, from all mine iniquities and from every evil; make me ever to obey Thy commandments, and never let me be separated from Thee for ever, O Saviour of the world, Who livest and reignest with God the Father, and with the same Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

Let not the Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, O Lord Jesu Christ, which I, although unworthy, do now receive, be unto me for judgment and condemnation; but through Thy loving-kindness let it set forward the salvation of my body and soul. Amen.

While kneeling at the Altar.

LORD, I desire to receive this Holy Communion to Thy honour and glory, and to obtain (*here name special intention*).

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

Come, good Jesus; come, Thou Desire of my soul; come into my heart with that love wherewith Thou didst enter into the Virgin's womb.

After Communion.

O GOOD Jesu, O Jesu my only Salvation and my Consolation, whence is this to me that Thou shouldest come unto me, and not abhor to

enter into my most polluted heart, defiled as it is with such exceeding stains and sins? Blessed be Thy coming unto me, and blessed be the sweetness of the love which hath constrained Thee to visit me, Thy poor and worthless creature. I cast myself now in the very dust before Thy face; with the most profound humility and due reverence I worship Thee, and most humbly beseech Thee that Thou wouldest forgive me for having received Thee, my Lord, with so great negligence, distraction, and lack of devotion. Pardon me, O most tender Jesu, and by Thy life-giving Death blot out all mine iniquities, supply my defects, satisfy for my negligences; wherefore, I beseech Thee, to accept this my Communion, and to offer it to Thy Father, with all the merit of Thy Oblation on the Cross. And now, O Good Jesu, I offer and make over unto Thee my most unworthy heart, beseeching Thee to cleanse it in the Water, and to revive and refresh it with the Blood, which on the Cross flowed forth from Thine own most Sacred Heart. Amen.

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After the Benediction.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesu Christ, pierce through the inmost parts of my soul with the most sweet and healthful wound of Thy love, with true, calm, apostolic, and holiest charity; so that my soul may pine and long evermore with love and desire of Thee alone; let it have a longing and a desire for Thee in Thy courts; let it wish to depart that it may be with Thee. Let my soul ever hunger

for Thee, the Bread of Angels, the Refreshment of holy souls, our daily Bread, super-substantial, having all sweetness and good savour, and every pleasant delight; Thee, upon Whom Angels desire to look, let my heart ever hunger for and feed upon, and let the inmost parts of my soul be filled with the sweetness of the taste of Thee; Thee, the fountain of life, the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of everlasting light, the river of pleasure, the fulness of God's house, let my soul ever thirst for; Thee let it covet, seek Thee, find Thee, reach after Thee, come unto Thee, think of Thee, speak of Thee, and do all to the praise and glory of Thy name, with humility and wisdom, with love and pleasure, with ease and delight, with perseverance even unto the end; and be Thou ever and alone my hope, all my trust, my riches, my delight, my joy, my gladness, my rest and quietness, my peace, my good savour, my fragrance, my sweetness, my food, my refreshment, my refuge, my aid, my wisdom, my portion, my possession, my treasure, whereon my mind and heart may be safely and immutably grounded for evermore. Amen.

THE PURE OFFERING.

Hoste dum victo triumphans.

WHEN the Patriarch was returning,
Crown'd with triumph from the fray,
Him the peaceful King of Salem
Came to meet upon the way,
Meekly bearing Bread and Wine,
Holy Priesthood's awful sign.

On the truth thus dimly shadowed
Later days a lustre shed;

When the Great High Priest Eternal,
  Under forms of Wine and Bread,
For the world's immortal food,
Gave His Flesh and gave His Blood.

Wondrous gift !—The Word who moulded
  All things by His might divine,
Bread into His Body changes,
  Into His own Blood the Wine :—
What though sense no change perceives,
Faith admires, adores, believes !

He Who once to die a Victim
  On the Cross did not refuse,
Day by day, upon our Altars,
  That same Sacrifice renews,
Through His holy Priesthood's hands,
Faithful to His last commands !

While the people, all uniting,
  In the Sacrifice sublime,
Offer Christ to His high Father,
  Offer up themselves with Him ;
Then together with the Priest
On the living Victim feast ! Amen

Devotions for Confession.

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Before Examination of Conscience.

O LORD GOD, Who lightenest every man that cometh into the world, lighten, I pray Thee, my heart with the bright light of Thy heavenly grace, that I may have a clear knowledge of all my failings and all my sins, and may be able

with hearty sorrow and contrition to confess them as is meet before Thee and the Priest, Thy minister, to weep for them, and receive full remission of all, through Thy most Precious Blood, to perform fully whatever penance shall be prescribed me, and to amend my life for the future, to Thy praise and glory, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, One God, world without end. Amen.

Examination of Conscience.

I. *Sins against God.*—Have I omitted morning or evening prayers, or daily examination of conscience? Prayed negligently, and with wilful distractions? Spent my time, especially on Sundays and holydays, in sluggishly lying in bed, or in any sort of idle entertainment? Neglected Divine worship or the Sacraments? Been irreverent at Divine service or in holy places? Omitted to assist at the Eucharist on Sundays and holydays? Broken my fast before Communion? Left the fasts and abstinences of the Church unobserved? Spoken irreverently and flippantly of God and holy things? Taken His name in vain, or told untruths? Omitted duty through human respect, &c.? Neglected to give, according to my means, towards the support of religion? Been unresigned in will to God in troubles, sickness, &c.? Allowed thoughts of infidelity, distrust, presumption, impurity, &c.?

II. *Sins against my Neighbour.*—Have I disobeyed superiors, or spoken of them contemptuously? Been peevish or impatient when told of faults and corrected? Scorned good advice? Offended any one by injurious or threatening words or actions? Lessened their reputation by any sort

of detraction? Spread any report, *true or false*, that exposed my neighbour to contempt? Created discord by carrying stories backward and forward? Been froward or peevish in manner or conversation? Taken pleasure in vexing or provoking any to swear, or to offend God in any way? Mocked or reproached any for corporal or spiritual imperfections? Been excessive in correcting those under my care, or been wanting in giving them just reproof? Been impatient with their oversights and imperfections, and neglected to give them good counsels? Taken no heed of their spiritual welfare? Neglected to give alms according to my power towards the relief of the poor? Or taken no heed to promote their spiritual welfare?

III. *Sins against Myself*—Have I been obstinate in following my own will, or in defending my own opinion? Taken pleasure in hearing myself praised, or yielded to thoughts of vanity? Indulged in overmuch ease, or in any way yielded to sensuality or lust? Been froward, proud, troublesome, or frivolous in conversations? Spent over much time in useless employment, and thereby omitted or put off devotions to unseasonable times? Omitted to improve my mind by study and useful reading?

Have I any special and unwonted sin on my conscience?

Have I performed my last penance?

After Examination.

O MY Lord! I have now before my eyes a sad prospect of the fearful sins I have done against Thee. Heal my soul, for I have miserably sinned against Thee. Thy blessings I have abused, Thy judgments not feared. And yet when I know

how miserably I have sinned against Thee, I have no sorrow as I should have. A broken and contrite heart, Thou O Lord, wilt not despise, and Thou alone canst give it me. Thou alone canst give me repentance, and accept the penitent; do both, most gracious Father, that I may be once more acquitted from the guilt of all my sins, and received into the number of Thy servants, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before Confession.

RECEIVE, O Lord, a contrite and humble sinner. Receive a sheep which was lost and hath returned to the Shepherd. Receive an unworthy son, who hath sinned against Heaven and before Thee, and is returned to his Father.

Give me the kiss of peace; clothe me with the best robe; restore to me the joy of Thy salvation. Breathe into my nostrils the breath of life, and renew me with Thy life-giving Spirit. Heal my wounds, pouring in the oil of gladness. Raise me up, for I am cast down to the dust, that I may breathe in the light of Thy loving-kindness.

Build up Thy temple. Restore Thy house. Purify Thy sanctuary. Renew in me Thy likeness, that the brightness of Thy Countenance may return upon it. Let Thy Holy Spirit come down upon it, and sanctify it, that going away again justified, I may be with the living who praise Thee, O Lord my God, and may praise Thee, and make my boast of Thy mercies for ever and ever. Amen.

The Manner of Confession.

IN the Name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pray, Father, give me thy blessing, for I have sinned.

(Here the Priest will give the usual Benediction.)

I confess to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary, to all Saints, and to thee, my ghostly father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault. *(Here strike your breast thrice.)* Since the time of my last Confession, when I received Absolution, and which was —— ago, I accuse myself.

(Here will follow the particulars of the Confession.)

For these and for all my other sins, which I cannot now remember, I am heartily sorry, and purpose amendment; and most humbly ask pardon of God, and penance, counsel, and absolution of thee, my ghostly father.

Wherefore I beg Blessed Mary, all Saints, and thee, my ghostly father, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

(Here the Priest will give any needful instruction or direction, and will assign a penance. Before he gives Absolution let the penitent use the following Act of Contrition.)

O LORD my God, I am grieved with my whole heart for having offended Thee, Whom I love above all things, I firmly resolve to sin no more, to avoid all the occasions of sin, and duly to perform my penance. God be merciful to me, a sinner. Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.

(Here the Absolution and Benediction will follow.)

After Confession and Absolution.

I GIVE Thee thanks, most merciful Lord Jesus, because Thou hast patiently waited till I, a most wretched and unworthy sinner, should return to penitence, that Thou mightest give me pardon and forgiveness of all my sins. Receive, I beseech Thee, this confession, which I have tried to make with humility. Whatever has been wanting in the full and sincere confession of my sins, or in fitting sorrow for them, do Thou out of the fountain of Thy pity, and the treasury of Thy Passion, mercifully supply, and vouchsafe to have me perfectly absolved in heaven. Grant me, Lord, the help of Thy grace, that henceforth I may avoid sin, and more faithfully serve Thee. I have sworn and am steadfastly purposed to keep Thy righteous judgments, by Thy help, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, One God, world without end. Amen.

Praise the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me, praise His holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul : and forget not all His benefits.

Who forgiveth all thy sin : and healeth all thine infirmities.

Who saveth thy life from destruction : and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness.

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things : making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us after our iniquities.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is His mercy also toward them that fear Him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west: so far hath He set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children: even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear Him.

Truly Thou, O Lord, art a God that showest mercy. Amen.

After Confession, if Absolution is deferred.

O LORD and God, how dreadful is this, that I am not fitly prepared for the pardon of my sins! It is too true I am not rightly penitent. Do Thou give me that spirit of true repentance, and take away all from my heart that separates me from Thee. How long shall I be without Thee? Let tears be my meat day and night, whilst Thou art absent from me. Assist me, by Thy grace, to a true sorrow for my sins, and a sincere resolution of amendment. O my God, have mercy on me, succour me with Thy grace, or I am lost. I have wearied Thee, yet turn again once more after Thy servant, and let me live. Create in me a new heart, and give me grace to renounce all sin and obtain from Thee the full pardon of my offences. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

HAIL, Jesus! hail! Who for my sake,
Sweet Blood from Mary's veins didst take,
And shed it all for me;
O blessed be my Saviour's Blood!
My life! my light! my only good!
To all eternity.

To endless ages let us praise
The Precious Blood, whose price could raise
  The world from wrath and sin;
Whose streams our inward thirst appease
And heal the sinner's worst disease,
  If he but bathe therein.

O sweetest Blood that can implore
Pardon of God, and heaven restore,
  The heaven which sin had lost:
While Abel's blood for vengeance pleads,
What Jesus shed still intercedes
  For those who wrong Him most.

Oh! to be sprinkled from the wells
Of Christ's own sacred Blood excels
  Earth's best and highest bliss;
The ministers of wrath divine
Hurt not the happy hearts that shine
  With those red drops of His.

Ah! there is joy amid the Saints,
And hell's despairing courage faints
  When this sweet song we raise:
O louder then, and louder still,
Earth with one mighty chorus fill
  The Precious Blood to praise. Amen.

Preparation for Holy Communion.

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1. *Direction of the Intention.*

O LORD JESU CHRIST, King of everlasting glory, behold I desire to come unto Thee and to receive Thy Body and Blood in this

Heavenly Sacrament, to Thy honour and glory, and for the good of my soul; I desire to receive Thee because it is Thy desire, and Thou hast so ordained; I desire to come to Thee that I may be happily united to Thee, that I may henceforth abide in Thee, and Thou in me, and that nothing in life or death may ever separate me from Thee.

2. *Commemoration of Christ's Passion.*

I DESIRE in these holy Mysteries to commemorate, as Thou hast commanded, all Thy sufferings, Thine agony and bloody sweat; Thy being betrayed and apprehended; all the reproaches and false accusations, all the blows and buffets which Thou hast endured for me; Thy being scourged, crowned with thorns, and loaded with a heavy cross for my sins and those of the whole world; Thy crucifixion and death, together with Thy glorious resurrection and triumphant ascension. I worship Thee, and give Thee thanks for all that Thou hast done and suffered for us, and for giving us, in this Blessed Sacrament, a Pledge of our redemption, the Victim of our ransom, the Body and Blood which were offered for us.

3. *Act of Faith.*

I MOST firmly believe that in this Holy Sacrament Thou art present verily and indeed; that here are Thy Body and Blood, Thy Soul and Thy Godhead. I believe that Thou, my Saviour, true God and true Man, art really here, with all Thy treasures; that here Thou communicatest Thyself to us, makest us partakers of the fruit of Thy Passion, and givest us a pledge of eternal life. I believe that there cannot be a greater

happiness than to receive Thee worthily, nor a greater misery than to receive Thee unworthily. All this I most steadfastly believe, because it is what Thou hast taught us by Thy Word and by Thy Church.

4. *Act of Humility.*

BUT, O my God, how shall I dare to approach unto Thee—so wretched a worm to so infinite a Majesty—so unclean a sinner to such infinite purity and holiness? My soul is wholly covered with leprosy, and how shall I presume to embrace Thee? I tremble at the sentence of Thine Apostle, that he that receiveth unworthily receiveth his own damnation; for I cannot but acknowledge myself infinitely unworthy; nor should I dare ever to come to Thee, were I not called by Thy most loving invitation, and encouraged by Thine infinite goodness and mercy. In this mercy, which is above all Thy works, I put my whole trust; and in this confidence alone I presume to draw nigh unto Thee.

5. *Act of Contrition.*

O LORD, I detest with my whole heart all the sins by which I have ever offended Thy divine Majesty, from the first moment that I was capable of sinning to this very hour. I desire to lay them all at Thy feet, to be cancelled by Thy precious Blood. All my sins displease me now exceedingly, because they have offended Thine infinite goodness. By Thy grace I will never commit them any more; I am sorry for them, and I will be sorry for them as long as I live, and, according to the best of my power, will do penance for them.

Forgive me, dear Lord, for Thy mercy's sake; pardon me all that is past; and be Thou my Keeper for the time to come, that I may never more offend Thee.

6. *Act of Divine Love.*

O MY Jesus, the God of my heart and the Life of my soul, as the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so doth my soul pant after Thee, the Fountain of life and the Ocean of all good. I am overjoyed at the hearing of these happy tidings, that I may go into the house of the Lord; or rather that the Lord is to come into my house, and take up His abode with me. O happy moments, when I shall be admitted to embrace the living God, for Whom my poor soul languisheth with love. Come, dear Jesus, and take full possession of my heart for ever; I offer it to Thee without reserve. I desire to consecrate it eternally to Thee. I love Thee with my whole soul and above all things; at least I desire so to love Thee. It is nothing less than infinite love that bringeth Thee to me, teach me to make a suitable return of love.

7. *Prayer for Grace.*

BUT, O my God, Thou knowest my great poverty and misery, and that of myself I can do nothing; Thou knowest how unworthy I am of this infinite favour, and Thou alone canst make me worthy. Since Thou art so good as to call me thus to Thyself, add this one bounty more to all the rest, to prepare me for Thyself. Cleanse my soul from its stains, clothe it with the wedding garment of charity, adorn it with all virtues, and make it a fit abode for Thee. Drive sin and the devil far from

this dwelling which Thou art here pleased to choose for Thyself, and make me one according to Thine own Heart; that this heavenly visit which Thou designest for my salvation may not, by my unworthiness, be perverted to my damnation. Never let me be guilty of Thy Body and Blood by an unworthy communion; for the sake of this same precious Blood, which Thou hast shed for me, deliver me from so great an evil: rather let me die a thousand deaths than thus dare to crucify Thee again.

8. *Petition for the Prayers of the Blessed Virgin and the Saints.*

O MY Jesus, grant that all Thy blessed Angels and Saints, and, above all, Thy glorious Mother, the ever-Virgin Mary, who, face to face, behold Thee, Whom I here receive beneath the Sacramental veils, may bestow upon me the assistance of their prayers and intercessions, that I may in such manner receive Thee here, in this place of exile, that I may hereafter, with them, enjoy Thine unveiled fulness in our true native country, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of S. Thomas Aquinas.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, behold I draw near to the Sacrament of Thine Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; I come like a sick man to the Physician of life; unclean, to the Fountain of mercy; blind, to the Light of eternal brightness; poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth. I pray Thee, therefore, that out of the greatness of Thy boundless fulness Thou wouldest vouchsafe to cure my sickness, to wash my filthiness, to give light to my blindness, to make

rich my poverty, to clothe my nakedness, that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, with such contrition and devotion, with such purity and faith, with such purpose and intention, as may forward the salvation of my soul. Grant, I pray Thee, that I may receive, not only the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, but also the substance and power of the Sacrament. O most gracious God, grant me so to receive the Body of Thine Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which He took of the Virgin Mary, that I may be worthy to be made one with His mystical Body and reckoned among His Members. O most loving Father, grant that I may at length behold with open face Thy beloved Son, Whom I purpose now to receive veiled in my pilgrimage, Who ever liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

From the Prayer of St. Ambrose.

O KING of virgins, Lover of purity and chastity, extinguish in my body, by the heavenly dew of Thy blessing, whatever may kindle evil desire; that so one even purity of mind and body may abide in me. Mortify in my members every sting of the flesh and every wanton emotion; and give me with Thy other gifts which please Thee, true and persevering chastity; that I may, with chaste body and pure heart, offer unto Thee the Sacrifice of praise. For with what contrition of heart and fountain of tears, with what reverence and awe, with what purity of mind and body, should that divine and heavenly Sacrifice be celebrated, wherein Thy Flesh is indeed taken, and

Thy Blood is indeed drunk; wherein things lowest and highest, earthly and divine, are united; where is the presence of Thy holy Angels; and where Thou art, in a wonderful and unspeakable manner, both Sacrifice and Priest.

O most sweet Bread, heal the palate of my heart, that I may taste the sweetness of Thy love; heal it of all infirmities, that I may find sweetness in nothing out of Thee. O most pure Bread, Who hast in Thyself all delight and all savour, Who ever refreshest me, and never failest in Thyself, let my heart feed on Thee, and let my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savour. The Angels feed on Thee fully; let pilgrim man feed on Thee after his measure, that he may never fail in the way, being refreshed with such sustenance on his journey.

Holy Bread, living Bread, pure Bread, Who camest down from heaven, and givest life unto the world, come into my heart and cleanse me from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Enter into my soul; heal and cleanse me within and without. Be the protection and continual health of soul and body. Drive far from me those who lay wait for me, let my enemies remove far away from the presence of Thy power; so that, fenced within and without by Thee, I may, by a straight way, arrive at Thy kingdom, where not, as now, in Mysteries, but face to face I shall behold Thee, when Thou shalt have delivered up the kingdom to God and the Father, and shalt be God, all in all. Then shalt Thou satisfy me with Thyself, by a marvellous fulness, so that I shall neither hunger nor thirst any more; Who livest and reignest with the same God the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Another Prayer.

MOST Gracious Jesus, I a sinner fear and tremble as I draw near to the Table of Thy sweetest Banquet, trusting not in my own merits, but in Thy loving-kindness and goodness, For my heart and body are stained with many sins, my mind and tongue have not been well guarded. Therefore, O gracious God! O awful Majesty! I, wretched that I am, taken in a great strait, run unto Thee, the Fount of mercy; I hasten to Thee to be healed; I fly beneath Thy protection; and Thee, Whom as Judge I could not bear, I long to have for Saviour. Unto Thee, O Lord, I show my wounds; to Thee I reveal my shame. I know my many and great sins, and dread them. I trust in Thy mercies, which are numberless.

Look therefore upon me with the eyes of mercy, O Lord Jesu Christ, everlasting King, God and Man, crucified for man. Graciously hear me, trusting in Thee; take pity upon me, full of misery and sin, O Thou Who never ceasest to pour forth streams of mercy.

Hail, saving Victim, offered for me and for all mankind on the Tree of the Cross!

Hail, generous and precious Blood flowing from the Wounds of my crucified Lord, Jesus Christ, and washing away the sins of the whole world!

Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy creature whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Blood. It repenteth me that I have sinned, I desire to make amends for what I have done. Take, therefore, away from me, most merciful Father, all my sins and offences, that, made clean in mind and body, I may meetly taste of the Holy of Holies; and grant that this holy foretaste of Thy Body and Blood, which I, although so unworthy, do pur-

pose to receive, may be the remission of my sins, the thorough cleansing of transgressions, the putting to flight of evil thoughts, the renewing of good feelings, the healthful working of deeds that please Thee, and the surest defence of body and soul against all the wiles of mine enemies. Amen.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

JESUS! my Lord, my God, my All!
How can I love Thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous gift,
So far surpassing hope or thought?
Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore!
Oh make us love Thee more and more!

Had I but Mary's sinless heart
To love Thee with, my dearest King,
Oh with what bursts of fervent praise
Thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing!
Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore,
Oh make us love Thee more and more!

Oh, see! within a creature's hand
The vast Creator deigns to be,
Reposing infant-like, as though
On Joseph's arm or Mary's knee.
Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore!
Oh make us love Thee more and more!

Thy Body, Soul, and Godhead all!
Oh, mystery of love divine!
I cannot compass all I have;
For all Thou hast and art are mine!
Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore!
Oh make us love Thee more and more!

Amen.

Prayers after Holy Communion.

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Affections.

BEHOLD, Lord, I have Thee now, Who hast all things; I possess Thee, Who dost possess all things, and Who canst do all things; take off my heart, then, O my God, and my All, from all other things but Thee, for in them there is nothing but vanity and vexation of spirit; let my heart be fixed on Thee alone, let me ever repose in Thee, where alone my treasure is.

Let my soul, O Lord, feel the sweetness of Thy presence. Let me taste how sweet Thou art, that, being drawn by Thy love, I may never more seek for worldly joys, for Thou art the Joy of my heart and my Portion for ever.

Thou art the Physician of my soul, Who healest all mine infirmities by Thy sacred Blood; I am that sick man whom Thou camest from heaven to heal: heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

Thou art the Good Shepherd Who hast laid down Thy life for the sheep; behold, I am that sheep which was lost, take me now upon Thy shoulders to carry me home. What canst Thou deny me, Who hast given me Thyself? Be Thou my Shepherd, and I shall lack nothing in the green pasture where Thou dost lead me, until Thou bringest me to the happy pastures of life eternal.

O true Light, Which, coming into this world, lightenest every man, lighten mine eyes that I may never sleep in death.

O Fire, ever burning, and never decaying, be-

hold how lukewarm and cold I am; inflame my reins and my heart, that they may burn with Thy love; for Thou camest to cast fire upon earth, and what dost Thou will, but that it be kindled?

O King of heaven and earth, rich in mercy, behold I am poor and needy; Thou knowest what I stand most in need of; Thou alone canst aid and enrich me. Help me, O God, and out of the treasures of Thy bounty succour my needy soul.

O my Lord and my God, behold, I am Thy servant; give me understanding, and stir up my affections, that I may know and do Thy will.

Thou art the Lamb of God, the Lamb without spot, That takest away the sins of the world; take away from me whatever is hurtful to me and displeasing to Thee, and give me what Thou knowest to be pleasing to Thee, and profitable to myself.

Thou art my Love and all my Joy; Thou art my God and my All; Thou art the Portion of mine inheritance and of my cup; Thou art He That will restore mine inheritance to me.

O my God and my All, may the sweet flame of Thy love consume my soul, that so I may die to the world for love of Thee, Who didst vouchsafe to die upon the Cross for love of me. Amen and Amen.

Acts of Praise and Thanksgiving.

O JESU, my Redeemer, would that I had received Thee as I ought; would that I could render thanks unto Thee in a worthy manner! What return shall I make Thee, O Lord, for all that Thou hast done for me? Behold, when I had no being at all Thou didst create me; and when I

was gone astray and lost in my sins Thou didst redeem me by dying for me; all that I have, all that I am, is Thy gift; and now, after all other favours, Thou hast given me Thyself: blessed be Thy Name for ever.

Let my soul magnify Thee, O Lord, let my spirit rejoice in Thee, my Saviour, for Thou hast regarded the low estate of Thy servant; Thou art mighty, and hast done to me great things; holy is Thy Name. Thou art great, and cannot worthily be praised; great are Thy works; of Thy wisdom there is no end; but Thy bounty and goodness unto me are above all Thy works; Thou hast given me Bread from heaven; Thou hast made me to eat Angels' Food; Thou hast given me to drink of the Stream that floweth from Thyself, the Rock of our salvation; Thou hast satisfied my empty soul, and filled my hungry soul with good things.

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord, and for His goodness and mercy to me, praise Him and magnify Him for ever. Praise the Lord, all ye Angels of His, ye ministers of His that do His pleasure.

Blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, bless thou the Lord; praise and highly exalt Him for ever.

And let the whole congregation of the Saints, the Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins, and all their glorious companions, bless their Lord and mine with me, and for me, and together let us say:—

Worthy is the Lamb That was slain, and redeemed us to God by His Blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Blessing, and

honour, and glory, and power be unto Him That sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.

Act of Oblation.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all consolation, how hast Thou loved us, to whom Thou hast given Thine Only-Begotten Son, not only to die for us, but also to be our spiritual Food and Sustenance in these holy Mysteries! What can I, out of my poverty, return unto Thee for this boundless charity? Verily I can offer unto Thee nothing else but this same beloved Son of Thine, Whom Thou hast given me; and surely Thou couldst give nothing greater or more worthy of Thyself.

He is our High Priest and Victim; He is the Propitiation for the sins of the whole world; He is our Advocate and Intercessor. Look down, then, upon Him, and for His sake look down upon me, and upon us all.

Remember His wonderful Incarnation, His most innocent Life, His tears, His bitter anguish, His agony and bloody sweat, all the injuries and insults, all the blows and stripes, all the bruises and wounds that He received for us. Remember His Death, which Thou wast pleased should be the fountain of our life; and for the sake of His Incarnation, Merits, and Passion, have mercy upon us.

And turning myself to Thee, O most gracious Saviour, Who hast here given me Thyself, I offer unto Thee my own undivided self, unworthy though it be; receive my memory, my will, my understanding, and, cleansing me from all stains

and imperfections in Thine own Blood, do Thou present me unto Thine Eternal Father, that in Thee, and by Thee, He may receive me as a son. I pray Thee, O Lord, to keep evermore that which I have committed unto Thee; with Thee it is safe, away from Thee there is neither peace nor safety.

Petitions.

O MOST merciful Saviour, behold I have presumed to receive Thee this day into my house, relying on Thine infinite goodness and mercy; let me, like Zaccheus, obtain Thy benediction.

Thou art infinitely rich, and all the treasures of divine grace are contained in Thee; these treasures Thou bringest with Thee when Thou dost visit us in this blessed Sacrament, and Thou takest an infinite pleasure in opening them to us, to enrich our poverty. This gives me the confidence now to present my petitions to Thee, and to beg of Thee those graces and virtues which I very much stand in need of, as Thou knowest.

Increase and strengthen my faith in the doctrine Thou hast revealed to Thy Church, teach me to be poor in spirit, and take off my heart from the love of transitory things.

Grant that I may ever keep my body and soul chaste and pure, that I may mourn the past, and by daily mortification, restrain all irregular passions for the future.

Above all things, teach me to love Thee, to be ever recollected in Thee, and to walk always in Thy presence; teach me to love my friends in Thee, and my enemies for Thee; grant me grace to persevere to the end in this love, and so to come

one day to that happy place where I may love and enjoy Thee for ever.

Have mercy also upon Thy whole Catholic Church, upon its rulers, and upon all the faithful; dispel error, heal schisms, restore perfect unity; bless all the faithful departed, and grant them light and peace.

Let the glorious and ever-virgin Mary, the Mother of God, the blessed Apostles, Martyrs, and Virgins, and all the court of heaven evermore make supplication unto Thee on our behalf, and so may we come at last into their blessed company, and never be separated from Thee for ever. Amen.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas.
(After Communion.)

I GIVE Thee thanks, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, Who hast vouchsafed to feed me, a sinner, Thine unworthy servant, for no merits of my own, but only out of the goodness of Thy great mercy, with the precious Body and Blood of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And I pray Thee that this Holy Communion may not bring guilt upon me to condemnation, but may be a saving intercession for my pardon. Let it be to me an armour of faith and a shield of a good will. Let it be to me a casting out of vices, a driving away of all evil wishes and fleshly affections; an increase of love, humility, patience, obedience, and all holiness; a firm defence against the plots of my enemies, seen and unseen; a perfect quieting of all motions of sin, both in my flesh and in my spirit; a firm cleaving to Thee, the only and true God, and a happy end of my life. And I pray Thee to deign to bring

me, a sinner, to that heavenly Feast, where Thou, with Thy Son and the Holy Ghost, art to Thy holy ones true Light, full Satisfaction, everlasting Joy, and perfect Happiness. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING AFTER COMMUNION.

COME, let me for a moment cast
All earthly thoughts away,
And muse upon the sacred Gift
Which I received to-day.

This morning that Eternal Lord,
Who is my Judge to be,
Came to this lowly tenement,
And stayed awhile with me.

With His celestial Flesh and Blood
My fainting soul He fed;
With tender words of grace and love,
My heart he comforted.

He Who of all that live and breathe
Is all the Life and Breath,
This morning deigned to visit me
In this my house of death.

He Who in awful Godhead sits
Upon His throne on high,
This morning entered my abode,
In His Humanity.

He Who for me a trembling Babe
On Mary's Heart reclined,
This morning in my Heart and flesh
His Deity enshrined.

O soul of mine, reflect, reflect;
Consider, one by one,
What marvels of surpassing grace
Thy God in thee has done.

His tender love with love repay,
Extol His sacred Name;
To all the world His greatness tell,
His graciousness proclaim. Amen.

ASPIRATIONS TO JESUS IN THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR.

For use before or after Communion, or when assisting at the Sacrifice.

Acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

I BELIEVE, O Lord Jesu Christ, Thy divine Word, that under this outward form of bread Thou Thyself art here present as truly Thou art in heaven.

I believe that Thou art the divine Son, eternally equal to the Father, that by the operation of the Holy Ghost Thou didst take human Flesh of the Blessed Virgin.

I believe that Thou art the same Jesus Who wast born of Mary ever-Virgin, worshipped an Infant by Thine Angels, by the shepherds, and the magi.

I believe, O my Redeemer, here present in this Sacrament, that Thou art the same Jesus of Nazareth Who didst heal the sick, and didst raise the dead, Who for us didst suffer and die upon the Cross.

I believe, finally, that Thou Thyself, now sitting

glorious at the right hand of Thy Father in heaven, and there interceding for me, yet art verily present in this Sacrament, my Nourishment on earth.

O most loving Jesu, Who in this Sacrament hast left me a pledge of future glory, I hope, through the merits of Thy death and passion, to behold Thee face to face in heaven.

O Jesu, Cause of our glorious resurrection, I hope, through the virtue of this divine Food, wherewith Thou nourishest me, to rise glorious into life eternal.

I love Thee, O Jesu, Who art perfect charity, Who in Thine essence, art true God and true Man, in Whom are hid the treasures of the Godhead, and all the fulness of grace which descends to us upon this earth.

I love Thee, dear Jesus, Who, for love of me, hast made Thyself like unto me; kindle within me the flame of sacred love which Thou didst bring from heaven, that, loving Thee, I may grow into Thy likeness.

I love Thee, O divine Jesu, my Lord and Master, because Thou hast redeemed and freed me, poor slave of sin, with Thy all-precious Blood. Oh, of Thy sweet mercy, grant that I may enjoy the full fruit of Thy redemption.

Acts of Worship.

I WORSHIP Thee, O living Bread, descended from heaven for my spiritual food; give me grace worthily to receive Thee in life and in death.

I worship Thee, divine Food of the strong strengthen my weakness, that I may ever be constant and faithful to Thy love.

I worship Thee, O my Jesus, hidden beneath

the Sacramental veils; let my life be hidden, with Thee, in God.

I worship Thee, great God, Who art the only Way; make me ever to walk in the path of Thy commandments, and after Thy shining example, that so I may arrive at eternal salvation.

I worship Thee, O Jesu, true and spiritual Life of all who love Thee; give me grace to die to myself, and to live to Thee alone, Who didst die for the love of me.

I worship Thee, my dear Redeemer, Truth unspeakable; enliven, I beseech Thee, and increase my faith, that it may be fruitful in good works.

I worship Thee, O Jesu, divine Light of the world; shine upon my mind, that, knowing, I may love Thee, and may come to enjoy Thee eternally in heaven.

I worship Thee, divine and loving Shepherd; draw to Thyself this wounded sheep, that it may never more leave Thy fold, to fall into the power of the infernal wolf.

I worship Thee, divine Lamb, Who for the sins of the world, didst give Thyself to be slain; grant that I may bear all my sufferings patiently for Thy sake, in satisfaction for my sins.

I worship Thee, O Jesu, King of glory, Judge of the quick and the dead; make me on earth so to fear Thy justice, that in heaven I may eternally sing Thy mercy.

Acts of Thanksgiving.

I THANK Thee, O Divine Redeemer, that, not content with having for our sakes come upon the earth, Thou hast instituted this adorable Sacrament, that therein Thou mightest remain with us unto the end of the world.

I thank Thee, O glorious Jesu, that Thou dost veil, beneath the forms of bread and wine, Thine infinite Majesty and beauty, which Thine Angels delight to behold, that so I might have courage to approach the throne of Thy mercy.

I thank Thee, O Jesu most loving, that, having made Thyself my Food, Thou dost enter within this body, which, alas! has too often deserved to be visited with Thy anger.

I thank Thee, my dear Saviour, that in this unspeakable Mystery Thou unitest me to Thyself with so much love, that I therein live in Thee, and Thou in me.

I thank Thee, O my Jesus, that, giving Thyself to me in this blessed Sacrament, Thou hast so enriched it with the treasures of Thy love that Thou hast not, Thou canst not, Thou knowest not, what greater gift to give me.

I thank Thee, O my good Jesus, that not only Thou art become my Food, but also in the Blessed Sacrament offerest Thyself a continual Sacrifice for my salvation to Thy eternal Father.

I thank Thee, Divine Priest, for that every day Thou dost offer Thyself upon our Altars, in worship and homage to the most Blessed Trinity, and dost supply for our poor and miserable worship.

I thank Thee, O my Saviour, because, continuing in this daily sacrifice the very sacrifice of the Cross offered on Calvary, Thou dost satisfy the divine justice for us miserable sinners.

I thank Thee, O Jesu, that Thou hast become the priceless Victim, to merit for me the fulness of heavenly favours. Awaken in me such trust that their abundance may ever more and more descend upon my soul.

I thank Thee, my loving Saviour, that Thou art offered in thanksgiving to God for all His benefits, spiritual and temporal, which He has bestowed upon me, and which I yet hope to receive.

Three final Aspirations.

O JESU, divine Head of Thy Spouse the Church, have mercy upon all bishops and pastors, and shed upon them thy Holy Spirit, that they may maintain Thy holy faith pure and untouched, and may spread over the whole world the light of thy Catholic truth.

O Jesu, King of kings, mercifully behold our princes, and those in authority; pour into them the spirit of Thy divine wisdom, mercy, and justice, so that they may at last enter with Thee into thy heavenly kingdom.

O Jesu, all merciful, triumph, I beseech Thee, over the malice and hardness of all who obstinately offend Thee, so that, gaining Thy grace in this world, they may become worthy of the glory of thy heavenly Paradise for all eternity. Amen.

THE LOVE OF THE SACRED HEART.

FROM time's false dreams I flee,
While Angels guide my feet,
To the Sacred Altar-throne
Where Jesus' Heart doth beat.

Softly the tapers gleam,
Around deep silence reigns,
Only with still small voice,
The Holy One complains.

Long have I waited here,
And, though thou heed'st not Me,
The Heart of Mary's Son
Beats ever on for thee.

In the womb of Mary meek,
In the manger, on the Tree,
Heart of undying love,
It lived, loved, broke for me.

O voice to the inward ear!
O voice of complaining love!
O Thou art Awful God
Of realms below and above.

Thou waitest and pleadest here,
And canst not from us part,
O veiled and wondrous Son!
O love of the Sacred Heart! Amen.

Litanies.

LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

(Sunday.)

LORD, have mercy upon us: *Christ, have mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.
Jesus, hear us: *Jesus, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Son of the living God,
Jesus, Splendour of the Father,
Jesus, Brightness of everlasting Light,
Jesus, King of Glory,
} *Have mercy upon us.*

Jesus, Sun of Righteousness,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, most amiable,
Jesus, most wonderful,
Jesus, the mighty God,
Jesus, the everlasting Father,
Jesus, the Angel of great counsel,
Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,
Jesus, Lover of chastity,
Jesus, Lover of us,
Jesus, God of peace,
Jesus, Author of life,
Jesus, Example of virtues,
Jesus, zealous Lover of souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our Refuge,
Jesus, Father of the poor,
Jesus, Treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, Good Shepherd,
Jesus, true Light,
Jesus, eternal Wisdom,
Jesus, infinite Goodness,
Jesus, our Way and our Life,
Jesus, Joy of Angels,
Jesus, King of Patriarchs,
Jesus, Master of Apostles,
Jesus, Teacher of Evangelists,
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,
Jesus, Light of Confessors,
Jesus, Purity of Virgins,
Jesus, Crown of all Saints,
Be merciful unto us,
Spare us, Lord Jesus.

Have mercy upon us.

Be merciful unto us,
Hear us, Lord Jesus.
From all evil,
From all sin,
From Thy wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of fornication,
From everlasting death,
From the neglect of Thy Holy Inspirations,
By the mystery of Thy Holy Incarnation,
By Thy Nativity,
By Thine Infancy,
By Thy most Divine Life,
By Thy Labours,
By Thine Agony and Passion,
By Thy Cross and Desolation,
By Thy Sufferings,
By Thy Death and Burial,
By Thy Resurrection,
By Thine Ascension,
By Thy Joys,
By Thy Glory,
Jesus, deliver us.
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Jesus, spare us.
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Jesus, graciously hear us.
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Jesus, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear us. *Jesus, graciously hear us.*

Let us pray.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who hast said, Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall

find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech Thee, to our most humble supplications the gift of Thy most Divine love, that we may ever love Thee with our whole hearts, words, and works, and never cease praising Thee.

O Lord, Who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good Providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name; Who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

LITANY OF THE HOLY GHOST.

(Monday.)

LORD, have mercy upon us: *Christ, have mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us: *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the World,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, one God,
Holy Ghost, Who proceedest from, and art Co-equal with, the Father and the Son,
Promise of the Father, and Gift of the Most High,
Consuming Fire,
Spiritual Unction,
Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding,
Spirit of Counsel and Strength,
Spirit of Knowledge and Godliness,
Spirit of the Fear of the Lord,
Spirit of love, joy and peace,
} *Have mercy upon us.*

Spirit of long-suffering, gentleness, and goodness,
Spirit of truth, meekness, and patience,
Spirit of modesty, temperance, and chastity,
Spirit of compunction and of penance,
Spirit of grace and of supplications,
Spirit of discipline,
Spirit of adoption of the sons of God,
Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier,
Be merciful : *Spare us, Holy Ghost.*
Be merciful : *Graciously hear us, Holy Ghost.*

Have mercy upon us.

From all sin, and from all evil,
From the crafts and assaults of the devil,
From uncleanness of mind or body,
From every evil spirit,
By Thine eternal Procession from the Father and the Son,
By Thy Working at the Creation,
By Thine Inspiration of the Prophets,
By Thy descent upon the Mother of God at the Lord's Incarnation,
By Thy descent upon the Lord at His Baptism,
By Thy descent upon the Blessed Virgin and the Apostles at Pentecost,
By Thy continual abiding in the Church,
By Thy Grace and Pity,
In the Day of Judgment,

Holy Ghost, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us.
That it may please Thee to shed abroad Thy light and love in our hearts,
That it may please Thee to open upon us the treasures of Thy grace,
That it may please Thee to teach us to ask for them according to Thy will,
That it may please Thee to teach us to pray, and Thyself to pray within us,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That we may not grieve Thee nor do Thee despite,
That remembering our bodies are Thy temples, we may take heed not to defile them,
That it may please Thee to lead us into all truth,
That it may please Thee to pour Thy peace upon the whole Church,
Holy Ghost,
We beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Pour out upon us the Holy Ghost.
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Send forth upon us the promised Spirit of the Father.
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Grant to us the Spirit of Peace.
O Christ, hear us: *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

℣. Send forth Thy Spirit, O Lord, and they shall be created.

℟. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us Pray.

GRANT, O merciful Father, that Thy Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame, and cleanse our hearts, that He may shed on us His heavenly dew, and make us fruitful in good works.

Kindle, O Lord, our reins and our hearts with the fire of the Holy Ghost, that we may serve Thee with clean bodies, and please Thee with pure hearts.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let the power of the Holy Ghost be nigh unto us: whereby our hearts may be mercifully cleansed, and kept free from all adversities. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS AND ANGELS.

(Tuesday.)

LORD, have mercy upon us: *Christ, have mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us: *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, One God,
Jesus, Son of the Living God,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, Joy of Angels,
Jesus, King of Patriarchs,
Jesus, Inspirer of Prophets,
Jesus, Master of Apostles,
Jesus, Teacher of Evangelists,
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,
Jesus, Light of Confessors,
Jesus, Spouse of Virgins,
Jesus, Crown of all Saints,
} *Have mercy upon us.*

Be favourable: *Spare us, Good Lord.*
Be favourable: *Graciously hear us, Good Lord.*

From all sin and evil,
From all the crafts and assaults of the devil or man,
By Thine Almighty Power whereby Thou didst create angels and men,
By Thine Incarnation, Passion, and Death, the source of all merit,
By the love whereby Thou didst give unto Thine angels perseverance and glory,
By their continual protection and intercession,
By the love whereby Thou didst elect Mary to be Thy Mother,
} *Good Lord, deliver us.*

By Thine Incarnation in her womb,
By Thy remembrance of her upon the Cross,
By the glory Thou bestowest upon her in heaven,
By her prayers and intercessions,
By the love whereby Thou didst bestow such manifold merits and graces on all Thy Saints,
By the holy lives Thou didst enable them to live,
By their holy deaths, precious in Thy sight,
By the crowns and glories Thou hast given unto them,
By their continual prayers and intercessions,
In the hour of death,
In the Day when Thou shalt come, with all Thy Saints and Angels, to judge the world,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, and to guide, preserve, and govern Thy Holy Catholic Church throughout all the world.
That it may please Thee to give Thine Angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways,
That it may please Thee to grant that they may carry our prayers into Thy holy presence,
That it may please Thee that after our death the Angels may carry our souls intoThy rest,
That it may please Thee to grant that we may become followers of all Saints, who through faith and patience have inherited the promises,
That it may please Thee to aid and defend us by the prayers and intercessions of the holy Mother of God,
That it may please Thee to grant us to receive benefit from the prayers of Thy blessed Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins, and of all Saints,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That when we leave this world Thy Saints may receive us into everlasting habitations. *We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That Thou wouldest make us partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light, *We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

Son of God, *We beseech Thee to hear us.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, Good Lord.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, Good Lord.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon us.*

O Christ, hear us: *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

℣. O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

℟. O ye spirits and souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Lord God, that Thy servants may enjoy continual health of body and soul, and that, the gracious Virgin Mary praying for us, we may be delivered from this present heaviness, and have the fruition of eternal gladness.

Almighty God, regard our infirmity, and for that the burden of our iniquity oppresseth us: grant that by the prayer of Thy glorious Apostles we may have relief and strength to follow the confession of their faith.

Grant to us, Almighty God, that we who know that Thy glorious Martyrs were strong in confession of Thy faith may have the joy of their fellowship in everlasting gladness.

Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, from all

evils past, present, and to come; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious and ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of Thy blessed Apostles, and of all Thy Saints, mercifully give peace in our time, that we, being holpen by the aid of Thy mercy, may both be ever set free from sin, and also safe from all disquiet; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

A LITANY OF PENITENTS.

(Wednesday.)

LORD, have mercy upon us: *Christ, have mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us: *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, One God,
O God, Who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live,
Thou Who didst not spare the rebellious angels, but didst call Adam to repentance,
Thou Who didst save Noah and Lot from the destruction of the ungodly,
Thou Who didst fearfully punish impenitent Pharaoh, but didst deliver Thy people Israel,
Thou Who forgavest the sins of Thy disobedient people at the prayer of Moses,
Thou Who didst spare the Ninevites when they repented with fasting,
Thou Who forgavest the sin of David when he confessed and repented,

Have mercy upon us.

Thou Who forgavest even Ahab when he humbled himself and repented,
Thou Who heardest Judith as she prayed in sackcloth and ashes,
Thou Who deliveredst Hezechiah and his people when he fasted and prayed,
Thou Who didst hear and pardon penitent Manasseh,
Thou Who didst save Esther and Mordecai when they fasted and prayed,
Thou Who didst aid the Maccabees when they fasted in sackcloth and ashes,
Thou Who camest into the world to save sinners,
Thou Who sentest as Thy herald, John, the preacher of repentance,
Thou Who didst absolve the woman taken in adultery,
Thou Who forgavest the many sins of Mary Magdalene, who loved much,
Thon Who didst restore the penitent Peter,
Thou Who didst receive publicans and sinners, and didst eat with them,
Thou Who didst call Saul the persecutor to repentance.
Thou Who didst send Thine Apostles to preach repentance,
O God, the Gracious and Merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, Who repentest Thee of the evil,

Have mercy upon us.

Be favourable : *Spare us, Good Lord.*
Be favourable : *Graciously hear us, Good Lord.*
From all sin and evil,
From a sudden and impenitent death,
By Thy Baptism and fasting,
By Thy toils and griefs,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy Precious Blood,
In the hour of death, and in the Day of Judgment, } *Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, and that it may please Thee to bring us to true repentance,
That we may judge ourselves, and bring forth worthy fruits of penance,
That we may chasten our bodies and bring them into subjection, so that sin may not reign in our mortal bodies,
That, being dead unto sin, we may live unto righteousness,
That we may work out our own salvation with fear and trembling,
That, coming boldly to the throne of grace, we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need,
That we may count all things but loss for Christ,
That it may please Thee to correct and to purge us in time, and to spare us in eternity,
Son of God, } *We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Spare us, Good Lord.*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Have mercy upon us.*
O Christ, hear us ; *O Christ, graciously hear us.*
Lord, have mercy upon us : *Christ, have mercy upon us* : Lord, have mercy upon us.
℣. Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness.
℟. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, have mercy upon me.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who castest out none, but of Thy gracious goodness art favourable unto sinners, howsoever great they be, when they repent; mercifully regard the prayers of Thy humble servants, that they may have strength to fulfil Thy commandments.

O God, Who desirest not the death but the repentance of sinners, most pitifully regard the weakness of our mortal nature, and in Thy loving-kindness prosper all our endeavours, that through Thine endless mercy we may obtain remission of all our sins, steadfastness in Thy service, and finally with joy the rewards which Thou hast promised unto them that persevere; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT.

(Thursday.)

LORD, have mercy upon us: *Christ, have mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us: *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, One God,
Living Bread, That camest down from heaven,
Hidden God and Saviour,
Corn of the elect,
Wine, Whose fruit are Virgins,
Bread of Fatness and Royal Dainties,
Never-ceasing Sacrifice,
Pure Offering,
} *Have mercy upon us.*

Lamb without spot,
Most pure Feast,
Food of Angels,
Hidden Manna,
Memorial of God's Wonders,
Supernatural Bread,
Word made Flesh, dwelling among us,
Sacred Victim,
Cup of Blessing,
Mystery of Faith,
Most high and adorable Sacrament,
Most holy of all Sacrifices.
True Propitiation for the quick and the dead,
Heavenly Antidote against the poison of sin,
Most wonderful of all miracles,
Most holy Commemoration of Christ's Passion,
Gift transcending all fulness,
Special Memorial of divine love,
Richness of divine bounty,
Most august and holy Mystery,
Medicine of Immortality,
Tremendous and life-giving Sacrament,
Bread made Flesh by the Omnipotence of the Word,
Unbloody Sacrifice,
Our Food and our Fellow Guest,
Sweetest Banquet, at which Angels minister,
Sacrament of Piety,
Bond of Love,
Priest and Victim,
Spiritual Sweetness, tasted in Its proper Source,
Refreshment of holy souls,
Viaticum of them that die in the Lord,
Pledge of future glory,

Have mercy upon us.

Be merciful : *Spare us, O Lord.*
Be merciful : *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

From an unworthy reception of Thy Body and Blood,
From the lust of the flesh,
From the lust of the eyes,
From the pride of life,
From every occasion of sin,
By the desire with which Thou desiredst to eat This Passover with Thy Disciples,
By the deep humility with which Thou didst wash their feet,
By the burning love with which Thou didst institute this divine Sacrament,
By Thy precious Blood, Which Thou hast left us on our Altars,
By the Five Wounds which Thou didst receive for us, in This Thy Holy Body,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, and that it may please Thee to preserve and increase our faith, reverence, and devotion towards this wonderful Sacrament,
That it may please Thee to conduct us, through a true confession of our sins, to a frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist,
That it may please Thee to deliver us from all heresy, unbelief, and blindness of heart,
That it may please Thee to impart to us the precious and heavenly fruits of this Most Holy Sacrament,
That it may please Thee to strengthen and fortify us with this heavenly Viaticum at the hour of death,
Son of God,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Spare us, O Lord.*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Have mercy upon us.*
O Christ, hear us : *O Christ, graciously hear us.*
℣. Thou didst give them Bread from heaven. (Alleluia.)
℟. Containing in Itself all sweetness. (Alleluia.)

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who in this wondrous Sacrament hast left us a Memorial of Thy Passion ; grant us so to reverence the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may always perceive in ourselves the fruit of Thy Redemption ; Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

LITANY OF THE PASSION.

(Friday.)

LORD, have mercy upon us : *Christ, have mercy upon us :* Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us : *O Christ, graciously hear us.*
O God the Father, of Heaven,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Who didst institute the Holy Sacrament of the Altar in memory of Thy Passion,
Jesus, going forth from the upper chamber to give Thyself to death,
Jesus, praying in the Garden of Olives,
} *Have mercy upon us.*

Jesus, overcome with heaviness, strengthened by an Angel in Thine Agony and Sweat of Blood,
Jesus, sold and betrayed by Judas,
Jesus, taken and bound by soldiers,
Jesus, forsaken by Thy disciples,
Jesus, dragged through the streets of Jerusalem, and led from one tribunal to another as a malefactor,
Jesus, accused by false witnesses,
Jesus, outraged, struck, and insulted, during the whole night,
Jesus, denied by Saint Peter,
Jesus, led before Pilate, and accused by the Jews,
Jesus, despised by Herod,
Jesus, to Whom Barabbas was preferred by the people, and Whose Death they demanded.
Jesus, scourged,
Jesus, clothed with purple, crowned with thorns, with a reed in Thy Hand, and treated as a mock King,
Jesus, spit upon,
Jesus, brought before the people,
Jesus, condemned to death by Pilate,
Jesus, laden with the Cross, and led to Calvary,
Jesus, stripped of Thy garments,
Jesus, nailed to the Cross,
Jesus, raised on the Cross,
Jesus, blasphemed on the Cross,
Jesus, Who didst pray for Thine enemies,
Jesus, Who didst promise Paradise to the repentant thief,
Jesus, Who didst commend Thy Mother and Saint John to each other,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, Who didst say to Thy Father, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?
Jesus, Who didst taste vinegar in Thy thirst,
Jesus, Who didst say, It is finished,
Jesus, Who didst commend Thy Spirit to Thy Father,
Jesus, bowing Thine Head upon the Cross,
Jesus, giving up the Ghost,
Jesus, dead upon the Cross,
Jesus, pierced with a spear,
Jesus, shedding Blood and Water from Thy Side,
Jesus, taken down from the Cross, and laid in Thy Mother's Arms,
Jesus, Who didst cause Thy power to shine forth, after Thy Death, by many wonderful miracles,
Jesus, laid in the tomb,
Jesus, descending into hell,
Jesus, preaching to the spirits in prison,
Jesus, obedient unto death,
Jesus, destroying death by Thy Death,
Jesus, King of Glory,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world: *Spare us, good Lord.*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world: *Graciously hear us, good Lord.*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world: *Have mercy upon us.*
O Christ, hear us: *O Christ, graciously hear us.*
Lord, have mercy upon us: *Christ, have mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.
℣. We worship Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee:
℟. Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

Let us pray.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Son of the Living God, Who wast nailed to the Cross for the redemption of the world, and hast shed Thy Precious Blood for the remission of our sins; we most humbly entreat Thee to grant us Thy grace, that after our death we may joyfully enter Paradise; O Thou Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

LITANY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

(Saturday.)

LORD, have mercy upon us: *Christ,* have *mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us: *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, One God,
} *Have mercy upon all the faithful departed.*

Remember not, O Lord, the offences of Thy servants and handmaidens departed, neither take Thou vengeance of their sins; spare them, good Lord, be favourable to the souls of those whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood; and be not angry with them for ever: *Spare them, Good Lord.*

From all evil,
From Thy wrath,
From the flames of fire,
From the land of the shadow of death,
By Thy wonderful Conception,
By Thy Nativity,
By Thy most sweet Name,
} *Good Lord, deliver them.*

By the multitude of Thy mercies,
By Thy most bitter Passion,
By Thy most holy Wounds,
By Thy shameful Death, wherein by dying, Thou didst destroy our death,
We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us.

Good Lord, deliver them.

Thou Who the sinful woman savedst, and the dying thief forgavest,
Thou Who dost free salvation send us,
That it may please Thee to set free our parents, kinsfolk, and benefactors from all their sins, and the punishments thereof,
That it may please Thee to remember, and to show mercy unto all the faithful departed, who are not held in special memory upon earth,
That it may please Thee to grant unto all who rest in Christ a place of refreshment, of light, and peace,
That it may please Thee to turn their weeping into gladness,
That it may please Thee to fulfil all their desires,
That it may please Thee to cause them to bless Thee more fully, and to offer unto Thee the Sacrifice of praise,
That it may please Thee to place them in the fellowship of Thine elect,
Fount of Pity,
Thou Who hast the keys of death and hell,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God,
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Grant them rest.*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Grant them rest.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Grant them rest everlasting.*
O Christ, hear us : *O Christ, graciously hear us.*
Lord, have mercy upon us : *Christ, have mercy upon us :* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.
℣. And lead us not into temptation.
℟. But deliver us from evil.

℣. From the gates of hell
℟. Deliver their souls, O Lord.

℣. May they rest in peace.
℟ Amen.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.
℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, That art Creator and Redeemer of all faithful people, grant unto the souls of Thy servants and handmaids remission of all their sins, that through devout prayers they may obtain Thy gracious pardon that they have alway desired.

We beseech Thee, Lord, that the prayer of Thy suppliants may avail to the souls of Thy servants, that Thou wilt both purge them of all their sins, and cause them to be partakers of Thy redemption.

God, Whose property is to be merciful ever, and to spare, be merciful to the souls of Thy servants and handmaids, and forgive them all their sins, that they, being loosed from the bonds of death, may ascend into the life everlasting; Who livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen.

ST. BERNARD'S HYMN TO JESUS.

Jesu dulcis memoria.

JESU !—The very thought is sweet !
In that dear Name all heart-joys meet :
But sweeter than the honey far
The glimpses of His Presence are.

No word is sung more sweet than this ;
No name is heard more full of bliss ;
No thought brings sweeter comfort nigh
Than Jesus, Son of God most high.

Jesus ! the hope of souls forlorn !
How good to them for sin that mourn !
To them that seek Thee, oh, how kind !
But what art Thou to them that find ?

No tongue of mortal can express,
No letters write its blessedness :
Alone who hath Thee in his heart
Knows, Love of Jesus ! what Thou art.

Be Thou our Joy and Thou our Guard,
Who art to be our great Reward :
Our glory and our boast in Thee
For ever and for ever be ! Amen.

The Rosary of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

✠ IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

℣. O Lord, open Thou my lips. ℟. And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. ℣. O God,

make speed to save me. ℟. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be, &c. As it was, &c. Alleluia.

The Five Mysteries of the First Part.

I. The Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Meditation.—The Son of God takes upon Him human flesh of the pure blood of the Blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, and is made Man in her womb.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon us. *To be repeated ten times, and to end with* Glory be, &c.

II. The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Meditation.—The Saviour of the world is born for our Redemption, His Mother remaining a Virgin.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

III. The Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Meditation.—Our Saviour, being eight days old, begins to suffer for us, and His Blood already flows for our sins. He is circumcised, according to the Law, as if He had been Himself a sinner.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

IV. Our Lord Jesus Christ is found in the Temple.

The Meditation.—Our Saviour, being twelve years old, shows Himself to be more than mortal by His knowledge and wisdom, thus teaching the teachers of the Jews.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

V. The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Meditation.—The Saviour of the world is baptized by S. John; the Eternal Father declares Him to be His Son.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

Let us pray.

O JESUS, Whose Name is above every name, so that at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth; Who, at the time appointed by the Eternal Wisdom, didst assume flesh in the womb of Blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, and thus becamest the Son of David; Whose birth gladdened men and angels; Who didst begin to suffer so early for us, and to shed on our behalf that Blood Which washeth away the sins of the world; Whose immortal wisdom appeared at the age of twelve years; to Whose Baptism all heaven gave heed; grant us to celebrate all these Mysteries to Thine honour and our own salvation, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Five Mysteries of the Second Part.

I. Our Saviour washeth His disciples' feet.

The Meditation.—Our Saviour, to show us an example of humility, and how much we ought to serve each other, descends so low as to wash the feet of His disciples, although He is God Whom heaven and earth worship.

Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

II. The Prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Garden.

The Meditation.—Our Saviour, knowing His

Passion to be now at hand, is so affected by the thought of it, and so oppressed by the load of our sins, that He prays to His Almighty Father that the bitter cup may pass away from Him.

Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

III. Our Saviour is taken captive.

The Meditation.—Our Saviour, as if He had been no more than mortal man, yields to the power of men, and suffers Himself, for our redemption, to be taken, as if He were a malefactor.

Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

IV. Our Saviour bears His Cross.

The Meditation.—Our Saviour, being torn with scourges and pierced with thorns to atone for our sins, is obliged to carry the Cross, whereon He is to die, and moves on, labouring in sorrow, towards the place of His execution.

Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

V. The descent of our Saviour into hell.

The Meditation.—The Soul of our Saviour being separated by death from His Body, descends to that place where the Saints are expecting His redemption.

Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

Let us pray.

O JESUS, Whose Name is above every name, so that at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth; Whose mysterious humiliations and sorrows appointed for Thee on account of our

sins appeared in Thy washing the feet of Thy servants and creatures; in Thy distress and prayer and Bloody Sweat; in Thy being secured and brought before courts as a criminal; in Thy bearing the load of Thy Cross; and in the separation of Thy Soul from Thy Body, and its descent to the regions below; grant us to celebrate all these Mysteries to Thine honour and our own salvation, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

The Five Mysteries of the Third Part.

I. The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Meditation.—The Soul of our Lord Jesus Christ, which had been separated from His Body, is reunited to it by a miracle of Almighty power, and that Body which had been dead rises to die no more.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

II. The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Meditation.—The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ ascendeth into the highest heaven, where the Saviour of mankind sitteth at the right hand of God the Almighty Father.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

III. Our Lord Jesus Christ sends down the Holy Ghost.

The Meditation.—Our Saviour, now seated at the right hand of God His Almighty Father, sends down the Holy Ghost to inspire and to give courage to His disciples, that they may be made fit to publish to mankind His Cross and His glory,

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

IV. Our Lord Jesus Christ crowning the Blessed Virgin and the Saints.

The Meditation.—Our Saviour, having by His Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension opened the way for the sons of Adam to the heaven, which they had lost by sin, bestows upon His Mother and His Saints the crown of immortal glory.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

V. Our Lord Jesus Christ coming to Judgment.

The Meditation.—Our Saviour will come in power and majesty to judge the quick and the dead, and to render to every man according to his works.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

Let us pray.

O JESUS, Whose Name is above every name, so that at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth; Whose Body, That was put to death by men, was raised by the Almighty from death, glorious and immortal; Who by Thine Ascension didst triumph over death, and leddest captivity captive; Who, according to Thy promise, didst send down the Spirit Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, the Comforter and Quickener; Who, stretching forth the bounty of Thine Almighty hand, didst shed upon the chosen children of Adam that glory which neither eye hath seen, nor ear hath heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man; Who wilt come forth in power and

majesty to judge the quick and the dead, before Whose throne all mortals will appear; grant us to celebrate all these Mysteries to Thine honour and our own salvation, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

Prayers for the Stations of the Cross.

✠ IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O merciful Saviour, grant that while I follow Thy blessed footsteps along this Way of Sorrow my heart may be so touched with true contrition that Thou mayest turn my weeping into gladness by giving me remission of all my sins. Amen.

℣. O Lord, open. ℟. And my mouth. ℣. O God, made speed. ℟. O Lord, make haste. Glory be. As it was. Alleluia, *or from Septuagesima to Easter*, Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

Before the prayer at each Station say:

℣. We worship Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

℟. Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

After the Prayer at each Station say:

O Suffering Jesus, I love Thee above all things, and above all things I hate my sins; for the sake of Thy sacred Passion have mercy upon me. Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

While passing from one Station to another, say:

Jesu, Lord, the Way of Woe
Thou dost tread for love of me,
Every day I live below,
Draw me, Saviour, after Thee.

FIRST STATION.—*Jesus is condemned to death.*

O Jesus, most righteous Judge, when my poor soul shall at the last stand before Thy throne do not condemn me, but in the Day of Judgment by Thy Cross and Passion, good Lord, deliver me.

SECOND STATION.—*Jesus receives the Cross.*

O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou bearest in that Cross the sins of the whole world, bear away mine, I beseech Thee, and never let me be burdened with them again.

THIRD STATION.—*Jesus falls the first time.*

O Jesus, I fell by the deed of Adam into original sin, let me not, I pray Thee, by listening to the unholy desires of my heart, again fall into that corruption from which in Baptism Thou didst raise me up.

FOURTH STATION.—*Jesus meets His Blessed Mother.*

O Jesus, in every sorrow of my heart I pray Thee let Thy most holy Mother comfort me by her intercessions, for she has herself felt the sword of anguish pierce her very soul.

FIFTH STATION.—*The Cross is laid upon Simon the Cyrenian.*

O Jesus, let me too, I pray Thee, bear Thy Cross

with Thee here, that I may by Thy mercy be made partaker of Thy glory hereafter.

SIXTH STATION.—*The Face of Jesus is wiped by S. Veronica.*

O Jesus, imprint upon my heart and soul the marks of Thy most sacred Passion; let me daily bear Thy dying, that when at last I see Thee as Thou art, I may be changed into the image of Thy glory.

SEVENTH STATION.—*Jesus falls the second time.*

O Jesus, although once raised by Thee from my original sin, I have daily fallen anew into actual sin; lay not these sins to my charge, but wash me from them that I may be whiter than snow.

EIGHTH STATION.—*The daughters of Jerusalem bewail our Lord.*

O Jesus, let me not have a barren sorrow for Thy sufferings, but give the waters of true contrition to my head, and such a fountain of tears to mine eyes, that I may weep day and night for my sins.

NINTH STATION—*Jesus falls the third time.*

O Jesus, how have I persevered in sin, again and again returning to the foulness from which I have been washed! raise me once more and never let me fall from Thee again.

TENTH STATION.—*Jesus stripped of His raiment.*

O Jesus, strip me, I pray Thee, of all pride and vainglory, and clothe me with the robe of Thine own humility and righteousness.

ELEVENTH STATION.—*Jesus is nailed to the Cross.*

O Jesus, let my flesh with its affections and lusts be crucified with Thee: so let me die unto sin, that I may in newness of life live henceforth only unto Thee.

TWELFTH STATION.—*Jesus dies upon the Cross.*

O Jesus, I commend unto Thee the hour of my own death: by Thine own most blessed death I beseech Thee forsake not my poor soul. Receive it into Thine hands, grant it a place in Paradise, and let it rejoice for ever in Thy presence.

THIRTEENTH STATION.—*Jesus is laid in the arms of His Mother.*

O Jesus, let me mourn for Thy Passion as Thy holy Mother mourned, that aided by her pure intercessions, I may hereafter, with her, be made glad by the vision of Thine eternal glory.

FOURTEENTH STATION.—*Jesus is laid in the grave.*

O Jesus, by Thy precious death and burial, have mercy, I pray Thee, on the souls of all the faithful departed, and grant them a place of refreshment and peace for the sake of Thy Cross and Passion. Amen.

Antiphon.—Christ became for us obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesu Christ, Who didst stretch out Thine hands upon the Cross, and didst redeem us by Thy

Blood, by the merits of Thy holy Passion forgive me a sinner, for none of my thoughts are hid from Thee: pardon I ask, pardon I hope for, pardon I hope to find. Thou art pitiful and merciful, spare me and forgive me. Who livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen.

Prayers on the Five Wounds of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(From the "Paradise.")

I.

O MOST sweet Jesus, by the health-giving Wound of Thy Right Foot, forgive me all the evil thoughts wherewith I have offended Thee, and by its infinite merits supply all that my neglect of holy thoughts has left deficient; so may I henceforth desire Thee alone, my sole chief Good, and seek and find Him Whom my soul loveth. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

II.

O MOST sweet Jesus, by the blessed Wound of Thy Left Foot, forgive me, I pray Thee, all that I have done amiss against Thy divine good-pleasure, by evil imaginations or abuse of my outward senses; keep my thoughts in check henceforth by Thy holy fear, that so, becoming dead to the world and all created things, I may feel nothing and desire nothing, save Thee only, my God crucified for me. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

III.

O MOST sweet Jesus, by the sacred Wound of Thy Right Hand, I most meekly pray Thee forgive all my evil and sinful acts; yea, and by its merits supply all that I have, by guilty negligence, in whatever duty, left undone; and henceforth may I by Thy grace trade more profitably with the talents Thou hast given me. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

IV.

O MOST sweet Jesus, by the Wound of Thy Left Hand, forgive my passionateness, my sudden angers, and acts of impatience, into which I run so heedlessly and headlong on the slightest provocation, and from the rich stores of that heavenly Wound deal out to me the balm of patience in all adversities, that I may be found worthy to inherit the land of the living which Thou hast promised to the meek. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

V.

O MOST sweet Jesus, by the sacred Wound of Thy pierced Heart, graciously forgive all that my heart hath ever sinned by perverse will or ill intention, and so implant my frail heart in Thine, O my God, that it may feel nothing, compass nothing, desire nothing other than Thine own; thus may it repose for ever, guided by Thine, and steadfastly persevere in all good, even to the end of life. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

Prayers of S. Gregory on the Passion.

O LORD JESU CHRIST! I worship Thee, hanging on the Cross wearing on Thy Head the Crown of Thorns. Let Thy Cross, I pray Thee, deliver me from the destroying Angel.

O Lord Jesu Christ! I worship Thee, wounded on the Cross, given gall and vinegar to drink. Let Thy Wounds, I pray Thee, be medicine to my soul. Amen.

O Lord Jesu Christ! I pray Thee, by the bitterness of Thy Passion which Thou enduredst at the hour of death, especially at the moment Thy most holy Soul departed from Thy blessed Body, have mercy on my soul at its departure out of my body, and bring it to eternal life. Amen.

O Lord Jesu Christ! I worship Thee, laid in the sepulchre, and embalmed with myrrh and spices. I pray Thee that Thy Death may be my life. Amen.

O Lord Jesu Christ! I worship Thee, descending into hell, and delivering thence Thy captives. I pray Thee suffer me never to enter therein. Amen.

O Lord Jesu Christ! I worship Thee, rising again from the dead, ascending into heaven, and sitting on the Right Hand of the Father. I pray Thee that I may be counted worthy to follow Thee thither, and there be presented to Thee. Amen.

O Lord Jesu Christ! Good Shepherd, preserve the righteous, justify sinners, have mercy on all the faithful, and be favourable to me, a wretched and unworthy sinner. Amen.

Another Prayer.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Son of the Living God, interpose Thy Passion, Cross, and Death between Thy justice and my soul, now, and at the hour of my death.

Vouchsafe to give grace and mercy to myself, pardon to the living, rest to the departed, peace to Thy Church, and life with eternal glory to all sinners; Who livest and reignest God, for ever and ever. Amen.

S. Gertrude's Oblation of the Sufferings of Christ to the Eternal Father.

O FATHER, most loving, I offer Thee, in atonement and satisfaction for all my sins, all the entire Passion of Thy most dearly beloved Son, from the mournful cry He gave forth when laid upon the straw in the manger, through the helplessness of His Infancy, the privations of His Boyhood, the trials of His Youth, the sufferings of His Manhood, unto that hour when, bowing down His Head upon the Cross, with a great cry He gave up the Ghost. And I offer Thee, in atonement and satisfaction for all my negligences, O most loving Father, all the whole of the most holy life and conversation of Thy Son, most perfect in its every thought, word, and deed, from the hour when He came down from His high Throne to the womb of the Virgin, and thence came forth into this our sad wilderness, to the hour when He offered in Thy Fatherly Presence the glories of His victorious Flesh. Amen.

HYMN OF S. FRANCIS XAVIER.

MY God, I love Thee, not because
I hope for heaven thereby;
Nor because they who love Thee not
Must burn eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
Upon the Cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace;

And griefs, and torments numberless,
And sweat of agony;
E'en death itself—and all for one
Who was Thine enemy.

Then why, O blessed Jesus Christ!
Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the sake of winning heaven,
Or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught,
Nor seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me,
O ever-loving Lord.

E'en so I love Thee, and will love,
And in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God,
And my eternal King. Amen.

Prayers for the Departed.

Antiphon.—Let the Angels lead thee to Paradise.

Psalm li., *Miserere mei, Deus,*
or
Psalm cxxx., *De profundis.*

At the end, instead of the Glory, *say*:—

Grant *him*, O Lord, eternal rest.
And let light perpetual shine upon *him*.

Antiphon.—Let the Angels lead thee to Paradise; let the Martyrs receive thee at thy coming, and bring thee unto the Holy City Jerusalem. Let the quires of Angels receive thee, and with Lazarus, who was once a beggar, mayest thou have eternal rest.

Lord, have mercy upon us: *Christ, have mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

℣. And lead us not into temptation. ℟. *But deliver us from evil.* ℣. Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord. ℟. *For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.* ℣. From the gates of hell. ℟. *Deliver* his *soul, O Lord.* ℣. May *he* rest in peace. ℟. *Amen.* ℣. Lord, hear my prayer. ℟. *And let my cry come unto Thee.*

Let us pray.

ABSOLVE, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the soul of Thy servant [or handmaid] N., that, though dead unto the world, *he* may live unto Thee: and whatsoever *he* hath done amiss in *his* human conversation, through the weakness of the flesh, do Thou cleanse away by the pardon of Thy most merciful loving-kindness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

For a Man deceased.

LORD, bow down Thine ear unto our prayers, wherein we devoutly call upon Thy mercy, that Thou wilt bestow the soul of Thy servant,

which Thou hast commanded to depart from this world, in the country of peace and light, and cause him to be a partaker with Thy holy servants. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

For a Woman deceased.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, that, according to Thy loving-kindness, Thou wouldest have mercy upon the soul of Thine handmaiden; and that, as she is set free from contact with the flesh, Thou wouldest restore unto her a portion in Thine everlasting salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Use of Sarum.

WE earnestly beseech Thy loving-kindness, O Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hast been pleased to create man after Thine own image, that Thou wouldest favourably and mercifully receive the spirit of Thy servant [handmaid] N., which Thou hast commanded to leave human things and to come unto Thee; let not the shadow of death have dominion over it, nor let confusion or darkness touch it; but set it free from all spot of sin, place it in the bosom of Abraham, let it rejoice in a place of refreshment prepared for it; and when the day of doom shall come, command it to arise with all Thy Saints and elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Book of Common Prayer, 1549.

O LORD, with Whom do live the spirits of them that be dead, and in Whom the souls of them that be elected, after they be delivered from the burden of the flesh, be in joy and felicity; grant unto this Thy servant that the sins

which *he* committed in the world be not imputed unto *him*, but that *he* escaping the gates of hell, and pains of eternal darkness, may ever dwell in the region of light with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in the place where is no weeping, sorrow, nor heaviness: and when that dreadful day of the general resurrection shall come, make *him* to rise also with the just and righteous, and receive *his* body again to glory, then made pure and incorruptible: set *him* on the right hand of Thy Son Jesus Christ, among Thy holy and elect, that then *he* may hear with them these most sweet and comfortable words: Come to Me, ye blessed of My Father, possess the kingdom which hath been prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

At the Eucharist.

I PRAY Thee, O Lord Jesu Christ, for the souls of the faithful departed, that this great Sacrament of Thy love may be unto them health and salvation, joy and refreshment. O Lord, my God, grant unto them this day a great and abundant feast of Thee, the living and true Bread, Who camest down from heaven, and givest life unto the world; even of Thy holy and blessed Flesh which was taken of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and conceived by the Holy Ghost; of that Fountain of mercy which, by the soldier's lance, flowed from Thy most sacred Side; that they may be thereby enlarged and satisfied, refreshed and comforted, and may rejoice in Thy praise and in Thy glory. Who livest and reignest, God for ever and ever. Amen.

FOR ALL CHRISTIAN SOULS.

CHRIST the King, the world's Creator,
  Saviour of our fallen race,
Hear the fervent supplications
  Offered in Thy holy place,
And, invoked by lowly voices,
  Show the brightness of Thy face.

When with might Thou overcamest
  Him who rules o'er death's domain,
Thou didst pass through hell's dark chambers,
  Bursting all its bars in twain,
And didst free the prisoned captives,
  Loosing every iron chain,

Praising Thee for that Thy triumph,
  Now in prayer to Thee we cry;
Trophy of the Father's right hand,
  Grant Thy rest to all who die;
With that rest, O give them gladness,
  'Midst the Saints who dwell on high.

Let not penal fire burn them,
  Let not binding fetters chain,
Nor the worm which never dieth
  Torture them with endless pain;
Bless them with Thy priceless bounty;
  Take them in Thy joys to reign.

May the Unity vouchsafe it,
  May the Trinity Most High,
He Whose name is everlasting,
  Light Which shines unceasingly,
God the One, and God the Trinal,
  King from all eternity. Amen.

Miscellaneous Prayers and Intercessions.

For the Whole Church.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, great High Priest, Head of Thy Church, we pray Thee to have mercy upon Thy whole mystical Body. Pity Thy Church Militant here upon earth, heal its divisions, extend its borders. Have mercy upon the Eastern Church, deliver it from the infidel, perfect its union; bless its venerable Patriarch, grant unto him the spirit of power, of love, and of a sound mind.

Have mercy upon the whole Western Church, heal all heartburnings, remove all scandals; pour Thy Holy Spirit upon its reverend Patriarch, preserve him and keep him alive that he may be blessed upon the earth, and enter into Thy joy hereafter. Have mercy upon our own British Churches, supply to them all that is lacking to their perfection, strengthen all good that remains, correct and amend all that is unsound; endue with all righteousness our chief Primate, let him ever be guided by Thy Holy Ghost, let no evil spirit approach to hurt him, let him so feed Thy flock here, that he may be crowned with eternal glory in the world to come.

Convert all sinners, strengthen the righteous, restore those who have gone astray, and bring the heathen into Thy fold.

Have mercy on Thy Church, patiently waiting for Thy salvation in the sleep of peace; restore unto them the full joy of Thy salvation.

And let Thy glorious Church triumphant in the heavens, the Blessed Virgin Mother of God, the choirs of the Angels, the Apostles, Martyrs, and All Saints, entreat Thy mercy on our behalf, and pray unto Thee with us, and for us:

Spare, Good Jesus, Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Blood. Amen.

For the Bishop of the Diocese.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to Thy servant N. our Bishop that he, both by preaching and doing such things as be rightful, may instruct the souls of those under him by an ensample of good works, and also receive the reward of an everlasting recompense from Thee, most loving Shepherd, Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

For our Parish and Clergy.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, bless, I pray Thee, Thy servants the Clergy of this parish; give them holiness and wisdom in their hearts and words, that they may meetly serve at Thine altars, and truly preach Thy word; to us, their flock, give the grace of humility, that we may gladly obey them for Thy sake; give us, also, peace and love among ourselves, and purity in our lives; and so may we all, both priests and people, be found meet, at Thy coming, to receive Thine eternal rewards. Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

During the Vacancy of a See or Parish.

WE most humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, that of Thine unbounded goodness, Thou wouldest grant unto Thy Church in this place, a a Pastor [*or* Prelate] who by his godly care for us may be ever pleasing unto Thee, and may be alway diligent for the right governance of Thy people, to the glory of Thy Holy Name. Who livest and reignest God, world without end Amen.

For our Country.

O LORD, arise, help us, and deliver us, for Thy name's sake. Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts; show the light of Thy countenance, and we shall be whole: O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon, for we are come to great misery.

O merciful Lord God, Who hast said that the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, have mercy on our unhappy country, in which love to the Catholic religion has grown so cold; pity our Church, separated outwardly, for the sins of her children, from the rest of the Body of Christ; remember the many Saints who in the old times pleased Thee in this land, hear their prayers for us, forgive our sins, warm our love, and hasten to help us, that, the faith being exalted, error and doubt may be put away. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Synod or any Ecclesiastical Council or Convocation.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast promised, that where two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them, favourably regard the Prelates and Pastors of Thy Church now gathered together under Thy protection; enlighten their minds by the grace of the Paraclete that, as Thou hast promised, He may lead them into all truth; may He confirm their charity and strengthen their faith; grant that in all their doings they may remember justice and mercy, and so may they establish Thy true religion, drive away all false doctrine and heresy, and heal divisions and schisms, to the salvation of Thy

people and the glory of Thy Name. Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

For the Restoration of Desecrated Holy Places.

O MOST gracious God, Who rememberest not the iniquities of them that turn to Thee, but hearest their groans with pity, look upon the many temples, altars, and holy places in this land, once sacred to Thy glorious name, now, by the sins of our forefathers, lying desolate, ruined, and profaned: call to mind Thine heritage bought at the cost of Thine awful wounds, and the shedding of Thy precious Blood; build again the waste places of our Sion, restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation, strengthen with Thy might, and enlighten with Thy wisdom those who fight for Thee; and at last bestow upon them the crown of glory that fadeth not away. Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

For the fuller Restoration of the Religious Life.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, pour out abundantly upon Thy Church the Spirit which Thou didst bestow upon Thine Apostles, and which Thou dost continually in all ages give, as Thou wilt, unto Thy faithful people: that many in our midst may hear Thy voice, may leave possessions, parents, hope of wife and children, and their own wills also, and may take up the Cross and follow Thee without delay in holy poverty, obedience, and chastity. And unto those, whether they be men or women, whom Thou hast already called, do Thou give so plentifully of Thy grace, that they may provoke one another to love and to good works, and that by their holy conversation

there may be spread in every place the good savour of Thee, O Christ our God. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

For the Conversion of the Heathen.

(St. Francis Xavier.)

O EVERLASTING GOD, Worker of all things, remember that the souls of the heathen were created by Thee, and made in Thine image and likeness. Behold, O Lord, how to Thy dishonour hell is filled with them. Remember that for their salvation Jesus Thy Son endured a most cruel death. I beseech Thee, O Lord, no longer to suffer Thy Son to be despised by the heathen; but favourably regarding the prayers of Thy Saints and of Thy most holy Church, the Spouse of that same Son of Thine, call to remembrance Thy loving-kindness; and remembering no more their idolatry and unbelief, grant that they may acknowledge Him Whom Thou hast sent, our Lord Jesus Christ, in Whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection, by Whom we have been saved and set free, and to Whom be glory throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

For the Town we dwell in.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, Builder and Keeper of Jerusalem, the city above, preserve this place day and night, with all that dwell therein, that it may be an habitation of safety and peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Father or Mother.

O GOD, Who hast commanded us to honour our father and our mother, mercifully hear me as I commend to Thy loving mercy my father

[*or* mother, *or* father and mother]; reward him [her *or* them] with Thine eternal good things for all the care, trouble, and grief *he* hath borne on my account; give *him* here all things needful for soul and body, and hereafter join me with *him* to the company of Thy saints and elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Wife or Husband.

O GOD, Who hast ordained holy marriage as a great mystery, bless her [him] whom Thou hast ordained to be my partner in that holy estate; let nothing separate us from each other's love, nor, above all, from Thine, both here and hereafter. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Children.

O GOD, Who hast been pleased to commit to my charge some of Thine own children, bought with Thy Blood, teach me ever to bear in mind how great a treasure is given to my care: lead them in the way of salvation, and knit us together in Thy love, Who art God, world without end. Amen.

For Godchildren.

UNTO Thee, O Lord, I commend M. and N., who became my children by spiritual relationship at the baptismal font; arm them against the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; increase in them the gift of faith; give them strength to fulfil Thy commandments; pardon all their sins, negligences, and ignorances, and at the last give them a portion with Thy holy and elect servants, Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

For Friends and Benefactors.

O GOD, Who pourest into the hearts of Thy faithful people the gifts of charity by the grace of the Holy Ghost, grant unto Thy servants and handmaids for whom we entreat Thy mercy health of mind and body, that they may love Thee with all their might, and with whole affections follow those things which are well-pleasing unto Thee. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Sick.

O GOD, Who in Thy loving-kindness dost chasten us for our amendment, graciously bestow upon our brother [sister] N., afflicted with sickness, the comfort of Thy grace, that in the distress of *his* body, *he* may, with the earnestness of faith, seek for the healing of *his* soul, and be deemed worthy in patience to possess *his* soul. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For those in Error.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, Who savest all men, nor wouldest that any should perish, mercifully regard the souls of those who have been led astray by the craft of the devil; that, laying aside all heretical error, the hearts of the wanderers may turn, and so come again into the unity of Thy truth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For those whom we have led into sin.

O GOD, the Giver of pardon, humbled in the dust, I call unto Thee on behalf of all those whom I have knowingly or unknowingly turned from Thy commandments, and led into sin (espe-

cially ——) ; require not their blood at my hands, but forgive unto them and unto me all our sins, and grant that we may together escape Thy condemnation and gain Thine eternal rewards. Through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

For Travellers.

O GOD, Who didst lead the children of Israel dryshod through the Red Sea, and by the leading of a star didst show unto the three Magi the way unto Thyself, grant unto [us] Thy servants a prosperous journey and fair weather, that Thy holy angel being their [our] companion, they [we] may favourably reach that place to which they [we] journey, and gain at last the port of everlasting salvation.

O God, Who when Thou hadst led Abraham Thy servant out of Ur of the Chaldees, didst keep him unharmed in all his wanderings, we beseech Thee that it would please Thee to preserve [us] Thy servants: be Thou unto them [us] an aid in setting out, a comfort by the way, a shadow in heat, a covering in rain and cold, a chariot in weariness, a guard in peril, a staff in slippery places, a port in shipwreck; that, Thou being their [our] Guide, they [we] may favourably reach the place whither they [we] go, and return in safety to their [our] own homes again. Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

For the Protection of the Angels.

GRACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, and may it please Thee to send Thy holy Angel

from heaven, to keep, cherish, guard, visit, and defend all who dwell in this habitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Intercession of the Saints.

O LORD, we beseech Thee let all Thy Saints aid us in all places, that, while we call to mind their good deeds, we may be defended by their help; give peace in our time, and drive all wickedness from Thy Church; order the ways, deeds, and wills of ourselves and of all Thy servants in prosperity and salvation; give eternal rewards to our benefactors, and to all the faithful departed rest everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Feast of our Patron Saint.

BEHOLD, O God our Defender, and at the intercession of Thy holy servant N., whom I have chosen for my patron, stretch forth Thy right hand to be my defence in all adversities; grant me to follow his [her] footsteps here, and hereafter with him [her] to see Thee face to face in heaven. Who livest and reignest God for ever. Amen.

Act of Reparation to Jesus in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

℣. Behold our affliction, O Lord.
℟. And glorify Thy Holy Name.

Let us pray.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who hast chosen to expose Thyself to all the outrages of the ungodly, rather than withdraw Thy Sacred Body

from our Churches, grant us the grace to bewail, with true bitterness of heart, the injuries and sacrileges committed against Thee, and to repair, as far as lies in our power, and with sincere love, the many ignominies and contempts Thou hast received, and still continuest to receive, in this ineffable Mystery. Who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

For Union and Concord.

O GOD, Who makest men to be of one mind in an house, mercifully put to flight the causes of our dissensions, and grant us to serve Thee in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Grace of a good Death.

O GOD, Who, by a healthful providence, hast ordained that we should not know the day and hour of our death, that we may thereby be called forth from deadly sloth; grant unto us so to watch at all times with prayer, that we may go forth from this world free from stain of sin, and may be counted worthy to rest in the bosom of Thy loving-kindness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For any Grace.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, from Whom all grace descends unto us, Thine own members; Who hast said, Ask, and ye shall receive, I entreat Thee, according to Thy will, to bestow upon my needy soul the grace of——— for its own salvation, and to Thy honour and

glory. Cast not out my prayer, nor turn Thy mercy from me, for Thy merits' sake. Amen.

To return Thanks for a Benefit.

O GOD, Whose loving-kindness is without end, and Whose treasure of goodness is infinite, we render thanks unto Thy most tender Majesty for Thy mercies bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching Thy mercy that Thou, Who hast granted the prayers of them that called upon Thee, wilt not leave us Thy servants, but make us ready for Thy good things to come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Upon a Birthday.

O ALMIGHTY Father, by Whose providence and goodness I was, as upon this day, safely born into the world, I thank Thee that Thou hast been pleased thus to give me being and life. I mourn that my past years have been spent so little to Thy honour and service, and I resolve by Thy grace that henceforth I will endeavour to spend the rest of my sojourning here in Thy fear and love, to the honour of Thy great Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Anniversary of Baptism.

(Bishop Cosin.)

O LORD, Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, Who of Thine infinite goodness towards me, when I was born in sin, and was no other than an heir of everlasting wrath, didst vouchsafe that I should, as upon this day, be born again of Water and the Holy Ghost, in the blessed laver of Baptism, being thereby made a

member of Christ, and an heir of eternal life; for this Thine inestimable favour I do here gratefully commemorate that happy day, and in most humble and hearty will I do extol the abundant riches of Thy glorious grace, in Thy sight, and in the sight of Thy holy Angels, with all the company of heaven, renewing that sacred vow, which was then made in my name, to forsake this wicked world, and to live as a Christian ought to do, in obedience to Thy holy faith and commandments, most humbly beseeching Thee, of Thy great mercy, to pardon me all former breaches of my solemn promise, and to endue me with the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, that henceforth I may walk in newness of life, worthy of that blessed estate whereunto Thou hast called me; and, keeping myself unspotted from the world, the flesh, and the devil, I may daily die unto sin, for which cause I was baptized into the death of Christ; and, as I have had my part this day in the first regeneration, so I may at the last day have my part in the second and great regeneration of the world, to live and reign with Thee for ever. Through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Anniversary of Marriage.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, Who hast joined together us Thy servants in the bond of marriage, pour into us Thy benediction, that we may agree together in unbroken love, and please Thee in all holy conversation, so that we may be counted worthy to be joined together in heaven in everlasting society. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For any Good Work.

O GOD, by Whose mercy the world doth subsist, and to Whose power everything upon the earth is subject, have mercy upon ———, and according to our necessities, which are all known unto Thee, so pour forth Thy blessings upon us, that, by the help of Thy grace, we may become in all things well pleasing in Thy sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Association for the Promotion of the Union of Christendom.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you," regard not my sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will. Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father.

Prayer for the Associates of the Society for Intercessory Prayer.

℣. Turn us, then, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.

O LORD, we beseech Thee to have mercy upon all those who sin against Thee, or neglect to serve Thee [*especially M. and N.*], and grant them true repentance, and an earnest longing for Thy service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Use of Associates of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament.

O ALMIGHTY God, look, we beseech Thee, on the face of Thy beloved Son, and, for

the sake of His merits, mercifully hear the prayers which throughout our Confraternity we continually offer to Thee [especially——*here the special intentions of the confraternity are named*], and grant us unity, a true faith, and a life agreeable to Thy will. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the English Church Union.

BLESS, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the work of the English Church Union, and grant that all its intentions, objects, and operations may ever be prevented by Thy most gracious favour, and furthered by Thy continual help, to Thy honour and glory, and the good of Thy Holy Church. Give to all of us Thy servants, the Members and Associates of this Union, the spirit of unity, peace, and true concord. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father.

For the Church Extension Association.

O GOD, Who willest that Thy Grace should be freely offered unto all men, we beseech Thee to bless and prosper the Church Extension Association, granting to its members purity of intention, and such success in gaining the object they seek, as may be in accordance with Thy Holy Will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father.

TO MY GUARDIAN ANGEL.

SWEET Angel of Mercy! by Heaven's decree
Benignly appointed to watch over me!
Without thy protection, so constant and nigh,
ld not well live, I should tremble to die!

All thanks for Thy love, dear companion and friend!
Oh, may it continue with me to the end!
Oh, cease not to keep me, blest guide of my youth,
In the ways of religion, and virtue, and truth.

When I wander in error, my footsteps recall;
Remove from my path what might cause me to fall;
Preserve me from sin; and in all that I do
May God and His glory be ever in view.

O thou who didst witness my earliest breath,
Be with me, I pray, in the hour of death;
All glowing with love, may I gladly depart,
With faith on my lips, and with hope in my heart:

Nor then do thou leave me, angelical friend!
But at the tribunal of judgment attend;
And cease not to plead for my soul, till forgiven
Thou bear it aloft to the Palace of Heaven.

Amen.

Prayers for the Sacred Seasons and Festivals.

ADVENT.

DROP down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down Righteousness; let the earth open, and let them bring forth Salvation.

For Thy first coming in the flesh,
For Thy coming to our hearts, now, by grace,
For Thy last coming to bring in everlasting righteousness,

Praise and glory be to Thee, O Christ, for ever.

O GOD, our Saviour, graciously behold us, who in the unity of Thy Church, do now call to mind with thankfulness Thy first advent, and look forward with penitence and hope to Thy last fearful coming to judge the world; visit us now with Thy salvation, and by the gracious advent of Thy grace lighten the darkness of our hearts, that when Thou shalt appear, we may be acknowledged by Thee as Thy servants. Who livest and reignest for ever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS.

UNTO us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Alleluia.

Blessed Jesus, True God and True Man, born in the form of a helpless infant;

Praise and glory be to Thee for ever.

Blessed Jesus, Who, having the heavens for Thy throne, didst yet choose a stable for Thine abode;

Praise and glory be to Thee for ever.

Blessed Jesus, Who, although God Almighty, wast pleased, from love to us, to be wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger;

Praise and glory be to Thee for ever.

Blessed be Thou, O Lord God of Israel, for Thou hast visited and redeemed Thy people;

Praise and glory be to Thee for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary! thou hast borne the Lord, the Creator of the world; thou didst conceive Him Who made thee, and remainedst evermore a Virgin.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who hast made this holiest time to be bright with the shining of the true Light, grant, we beseech Thee, that like as we do know the mystery of that Light here upon earth, so we may ever enjoy the gladness thereof in heaven.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the new-come birth of Thine only-begotten Son may set us free, who have been held of old time in bondage beneath the yoke of sin. Through the same Thy Son, Who ever liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

The First Part of the Rosary, p. 80.

EPIPHANY.

All they of Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

PRAISE and glory be to Thee, O Christ, Who didst draw the Magi unto Thyself by the leading of a star; send forth from heaven the light of Thy grace, that it may lead us safely through the dangerous ways of this present world to Thine eternal home, where we shall see Thee, not as a lowly infant on Thy Holy Mother's knee, but crowned with immortal glory and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

LENT.

Daily Collects.

Sunday.—O God, Who dost cleanse Thy Church by the yearly observance of a fast of forty days; grant unto us, Thy family, that those good things

which by fasting we hope to obtain from Thee, we may make sure by continual good works. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday.—O God of our salvation, turn Thou us, we beseech Thee; and that our fast of forty days may become profitable unto us, instruct our minds with Thy heavenly discipline. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday.—O Lord, we beseech Thee, behold this Thy family; and grant that our minds may be enlightened with desire of Thee, whilst we chasten our flesh by wholesome punishment. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday.—O Lord, we beseech Thee graciously to behold the hearty desires of Thy people; and although they be chastened in body by fasting and abstinence, yet grant that they may be refreshed in soul by the fruit of good works. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thursday.—Grant to us, Lord, we beseech Thee the ready aid of Thy grace; that as we are earnestly occupied, as is meet, with fasting and prayer, we may be set free from all enemies both of body and soul. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday.—We beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to pour the aid of Thy grace into our hearts; that as with due correction we cut off our wilful sins, we may be the rather chastened in time than condemned to everlasting punishment. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday.—O Lord, we beseech Thee, let the love of our devout service bear good fruit; for this fast which we have undertaken shall become profitable unto us, if it be ordered according to Thy holy will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Litany of Penitents, p. 68, *and of the Passion*, p. 74; *the Second Part of the Rosary*, p. 82; *the Stations*, p. 86; *To the Five Wounds*, p. 90; *the Prayers of St. Gregory*, p. 92; *of St. Gertrude*, p. 93.

PASSIONTIDE.

We venerate Thy Cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify Thy holy Resurrection; for behold by the Tree joy has come to the whole world.

O GOD, Who by Thine only-begotten Son, suffering and humbled even unto death, hast dashed in pieces the pride of the old enemy; grant unto Thy faithful people that they may worthily call to mind those things which He bare for them, and after His example patiently suffer all adversities.

O God, righteous and merciful, Who wert pleased to deliver up Thine only-begotten Son to be mocked, scourged, and crucified for us sinners; grant unto us, at the sight of Him hanging upon the Cross, healthful sorrow of heart, that as by our sinning we have slain the Author of our life, so by our repentance we may draw life from His death. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER.

LET the multitude of the Angel host rejoice, joyfully let us approach the Divine Mysteries, and let the trumpet of salvation sound to celebrate the victory of so great a King. Alleluia.

For this is the true Feast of the Passover, wherein Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast.

Let us then sing alleluias to the King of Glory, because, having laid down His life for our redemption, He is now risen to a life immortal.

O come, let us heartily rejoice in God our Saviour, for He hath redeemed His people, and is risen triumphant over the powers of hell.

Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed, and delivered from the hand of the enemy.

Praise the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art become exceeding glorious; Thou art clothed with majesty and honour; Thou deckest Thyself with light, as it were a garment.

The Lord hath awaked as one out of sleep, and like a giant refreshed with wine.

He hath burst the gates of hell, and smitten the bars of iron in sunder, because it was not possible that He should be holden of them.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

O sing unto the Lord a new song! Let the congregation of saints praise Him.

The Lord is risen from the grave. Alleluia.
Who hung for us upon the Tree. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who keep the Feast of the Passover, may be inflamed with heavenly desires, and ever thirst after the Fountain of Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

The Third Part of the Rosary, p. 84.

ASCENSIONTIDE.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, that Christ the King of Glory may come in.

He cometh, ascending up on high, with the sound of the trumpet, leading captivity captive. Alleluia. Alleluia.

O JESUS, we rejoice with Thee on this the day of the gladness of Thy Heart, and we most earnestly entreat Thee leave us not orphans; look upon us, Thy humble brethren, yet toiling on our way; be touched, O great High Priest, with the feeling of our infirmities; send us help in time of need, and at last grant us to rise to Thy glorious home, where Thou ever livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

WHITSUNTIDE.

Come, Holy Ghost, as Thou didst as at this time come unto the Holy Apostles, fill the hearts of all Thy faithful people, and enkindle in them the fire of Thy Divine Love. Alleluia.

O GOD, Who didst give the Holy Ghost unto Thine Apostles; grant unto Thy people an effectual answer to their godly prayers, and as Thou hast given unto them faith, so bestow upon them peace and quietness; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the same Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

Hymns to the Holy Ghost, p. 3; *the Litany of the Holy Ghost*, p. 62.

TRINITY SUNDAY.

BLESSED and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! thanks be to Thee, very and One Trinity, One and Perfect Godhead. Thee, God the Father Unbegotten; Thee, the Only-Begotten Son; Thee, the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete; the Holy and Undivided Trinity, do we

confess and praise with heart and mouth; to Thee be glory for ever. Alleluia.

Eternal Father, Who didst create me,

Eternal Son, Who hast shed Thy Blood for me,

Eternal Spirit, Who dost pour Thy grace into me,

Eternal Trinity, Who art All in all to me,

I offer unto Thee the being which Thou hast given, which Thou hast redeemed, which Thou hast hallowed, and I own Thee as the God of my life and my portion for evermore. Amen.

Corpus Christi.

O Sacred Banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memory of His Passion is brought to mind, the soul is filled with grace, and an earnest of glory to come is given unto us. Alleluia.

O GOD, Who dost marvellously refresh Thy Church with Thine Own precious Body and Blood; pour into it Thy quickening Spirit, that by partaking of this Heavenly Mystery, it may live by Thee upon earth, and be counted worthy to live with Thee in heaven; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever One God, world without end. Amen.

The Litany of the Most Holy Sacrament, p. 71.

Feasts of Our Lady.

IT is very meet, right, just, and healthful that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, and it is meet that with joyful minds we should praise, bless, and magnify Thee on this commemoration of the

Blessed and Glorious Ever-Virgin Mary; who, also, by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost, conceived Thine only-begotten Son, and, the glory of her virginity still abiding, brought forth to this world the everlasting Light, even Jesus Christ our Lord, by Whom the angels and dominions praise and worship Thy majesty, while all the powers stand in awe, the mighty ones also of the heaven of heavens, with the blessed Seraphim joined in common gladness, sing Thy praise. We beseech Thee, that with their voices Thou wouldest suffer ours also to join, upon this our solemn feast day, while with them we give thanks, and praise the Son of God.

Blessed is the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God; she believed in the Lord, and there is a performance of all things which were told her; lo, she is exalted above the quires of angels; there may she pray for us to the Lord our God.

Thou art happy, O Holy Virgin Mary! and most worthy of all praise, for from Thee hath arisen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, Who, doing away the curse, hath given us the blessing; and, overcoming death, hath given us everlasting life.

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech Thee bestow upon Thy servants the gift of Thy heavenly grace; that like as our salvation began by the Childbearing of the Blessed Virgin, so this her commemoration may bring us an increase of peace.

O God, Who, by the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary, hast given unto mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may enjoy the intercession of her by whom Thou

hast deemed us worthy to receive the Author of Life.

O God, Who didst will that Thy Word should take flesh at the message of an angel in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary; grant unto Thy humble servants who call upon Thee, that we who believe her to be in truth the Mother of God, may be evermore holpen by her prayers unto Thee. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Christ, our God Incarnate, Whose Virgin Mother was blessed in bearing Thee, but still more blessed in keeping Thy word; grant us, who honour the greatness of her lowliness, to follow the example of her devotion to Thy will. Who livest and reignest God for evermore. Amen.

Making mention of the all-holy, undefiled, and more than blessed Mary, Mother of God, and Ever-Virgin, with all Saints, let us commend ourselves, and each other, and all our life, to Christ our God. To Thee, O Lord, for it is fitting, be glory, honour, and worship. Amen.

Feasts of Apostles.

The sound of the Apostles went out into all lands, and their words unto the ends of the world, The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee, O God. Alleluia.

BLESSED be Thou, O Lord, the unfailing Fountain of all good things, Who hast chosen the holy Apostles, the first-born of Thy Son, and the first preachers of the Gospel, to be before other Saints the pillars and foundations of the Christian Church, that through the healthful doctrine and wonderful works the Catholic Faith

might plenteously shine over the whole earth among both Jews and Gentiles.

I therefore most humbly beseech Thy majesty that, as we are founded upon the rock of the Apostolic confession, that as we were called by those same princes of our religion into the unity of the faith, and abide gathered together in the house of Thy Church, so may we not only with steadfast and thankful minds hold fast their Apostolic doctrine and tradition, but also, by blameless lives, follow their holy conversation.

And with our Christian profession, may we ever join, first, burning charity, and then unceasing patience. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(From the Paradise of the Christian Soul.)*

FEASTS OF MARTYRS.

The souls of the Martyrs are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them: in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, and their departure was taken for misery; but they are in peace.

Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.

Let their memorial be blessed, and let their bones flourish again out of their place.

Right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.

The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee, O God.

Let us pray.

O GOD, behold upon this day we call to mind Thy holy and blessed Martyr N. Grant, we pray Thee, that after his example we may esteem the sufferings of this present time as not

worthy to be compared to Thine eternal joys; and let him whom we venerate upon earth remember us in his prayers to Thee, that we may receive pardon of all our sins, and be strengthened in the love of Thy name. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

FEASTS OF CONFESSORS.

Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord. Alleluia.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, King of Glory, and Brightness of the Saints, I give unbounded thanks unto Thee, for that Thou hast placed, as it were, so many renowned lamps and burning torches in Thy Church, so that they who dwell in Thy house, and have need of the light of others, may be enlightened by the voices, the teachings, the virtues, the ensamples, and the writings of Thy Saints.

Amongst Thine other Saints Thou hast very highly exalted holy N. that he might be an example and a protector unto many; by his prayers unto Thee I also desire to be aided, that with Thy Saints I may perfectly confess the Catholic Faith, not only in heart and mouth, but also in life and deed.

So that, as those that know and do the will of their Lord, we may, as burning lamps, shed abroad our light on every side, and evermore glorify Thy holy Name, Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen. *(From the Paradise of the Christian Soul.)*

FEASTS OF VIRGINS.

Come, thou Spouse of Christ, receive the crown

which the Lord hath prepared for thee from everlasting. Alleluia.

O JESU, Son of the Virgin, King and Spouse of Virgins, I admire and venerate the glorious company of unspotted Virgins who follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest: some shed their blood and endured bitter torments with more than manly courage for Thee, their Bridegroom: others for Thy dear sake left all and went after Thee in fasting, in mortification, and in all the counsels of perfection: oh, how fair is this undefiled generation in its glory! the remembrance thereof is immortal, for it is known both to God and to men: I beseech Thee, Thou Who feedest among these fairest lilies, to grant my defiled soul some part and lot in their unstained intercessions, so that Thou, graciously hearkening to their supplications, mayest wash me thoroughly from my wickedness in Thine own Blood, and mayest make me whiter than snow, for Thine own merits' sake. Amen.

Feast of any Saint.

Thy Saints, O Lord, give thanks unto Thee; they show the glory of Thy kingdom and talk of Thy power. Wonderful art Thou, O God, in Thy Saints. Alleluia.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who numberest among Thy blessed Saints a great multitude both of men and women who in every state of life have served Thee faithfully, hear us as we call to mind Thy servant N.; grant that we may be a follower of him [her] and so by faith and patience at length attain Thy gracious promises; and in every peril and adversity, may we

be aided by his [her] prayers: for Thy mercy's sake. Amen.

THE HOLY ANGELS.

The Lord give His Angels charge concerning us to keep us in all our ways; let them bear us in their hands; let the Angel of the Lord tarry round about us who fear Him, and deliver us. The Angel of the Lord keep us from all evil and bless us.

Let Michael be my guard; let Gabriel enlighten me; let Raphael console me. Amen.

O GOD, Who in the beginning didst create divers orders of blessed spirits to know Thine everlasting Godhead, and after the fall of Satan didst, by Thy Son, wonderfully redeem mankind, whom that same evil one had deceived; grant unto us so to be fulfilled with the gifts of Thy grace by Thy Holy Spirit, that going on from strength to strength we may be worthy to attain to the happy society of the quires of Thy blessed Angels.

O God, Who in Thine unspeakable providence hast been pleased to send Thy Holy Angels to be our keepers; grant unto Thy humble servants who call upon Thee, that we may be evermore defended by their protection, and at length rejoice in their everlasting company. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEDICATION OF A CHURCH.

Forgive the sins of Thy people, O Lord, when they pray in this place; show them the right way by which they should walk, and give glory in this place.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who makest us glad by the yearly festival of the dedication of this holy house, we praise and thank Thee for all the sacraments and means of grace we have here received; forgive the little use we have made of Thy grace so freely given, and grant that for the time to come we may more faithfully serve Thee in Thy Holy Church. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.

AVE Maria! Blessed Maid!
Lily of Eden's fragrant shade!
Who can express the love
That nurtured thee so pure and sweet,
Making thy heart a shelter meet
For Jesus' holy Dove?

Ave Maria! Mother blest,
To whom, caressing and caressed,
Clings the Eternal Child;
Favoured beyond Archangels' dream,
When first on thee with tenderest gleam
Thy new-born Saviour smiled.

Ave Maria! thou whose name
All but adoring love may claim,
Yet may we reach thy shrine;
For He, thy Son and Saviour, vows
To crown all lowly lofty brows
With love and joy like thine. Amen.

Omnes mei sensus ei.

NOW let all my heart and senses
Seek a joyous song to find,
As the memory of the Virgin
Comes again before the mind.

None can hope a worthy anthem
To that Virgin's name to raise,
For the greatness of her glory
Far exceedeth all our praise.

Oh, how blessèd! O'er creation
Joy was spread abroad by thee;
And the heavenly kingdom's portals
Open now, by faith, we see.

Hail thou healthful Star of Ocean!
Worthy art thou of our praise,
All the other lights of heaven
Thou outshinest with thy rays.

O rejoice, thou mighty Virgin!
For from sin we were set free,
When the God and Lord of all things
Took His very Flesh of thee.

Christ thy Son will hear thy pleadings,
He will stretch His hand to save,
He will keep my soul from shipwreck,
Lest I sink beneath the wave. Amen.

TO ALL SAINTS.

Vos sancti proceres.

HOLY leaders, quires supernal, royal princes of the sky,
Now we join our earthly anthems to the songs ye raise on high.

First of all, with heavenly brightness, see the Virgin Mother glow,
Pledge that in Her Son, our Saviour, we a gracious Judge shall know.

Next the throne, our prayers presenting, wait the countless Angel bands;
And the Baptist, plunged in torrents of the light eternal, stands.

They whose voices, Christ proclaiming, over every land were poured,
Those twelve Preachers here are seated with the Prophets of the Lord.

Martyrs purpled in their life-blood, Virgins purer than the snow,
Lilies white, and ruddy roses, on the Lamb's glad pathway throw.

Fed by God Himself are prelates, who their sheep-folds truly kept;
Here the gracious Father wipeth all the tears of them that wept.

Praise the Father, Source of all things; praise the Son, Who earth restored;
Be the Spirit, Who inflames us with His fiery Breath, adored. Amen.

TO ALL ANGELS.

Christe sanctorum Decus Angelorum.

CHRIST, of the Angels Praise and Adoration,
Ruler and Maker Thou of every nation,
Graciously grant us all to gain a station
In Heaven's high glory.

Angel all peaceful, to this temple send us
Michael, who cometh quickly to befriend us ;
Prospering all things, still may he attend us
Ever and ever.

Angel most mighty, that old serpent quelling,
Hither let Gabriel fly, the foe expelling ;
Oft in this temple may he make his dwelling
Coming to guard us.

Angel, Physician, health on us bestowing,
Oh, send forth Raphael from the sky, all glowing ;
Healing the sick ones, surest counsel showing
In all our actions.

Let Mary, Mother of our God, be o'er us ;
All round about us be the angel chorus,
And let the heavenly army go before us,
Guiding and guarding.

Oh, may the Godhead, endless bliss possessing,
Father, Son, Spirit, grant to us this blessing !
All His creation joins His praise confessing
To endless ages. Amen.

Prayers for the Sick.

A Prayer that may be added to Daily Prayers in time of Sickness.

O MY God, my first Beginning, my last End, I receive this affliction as from Thy hand ; I confess Thy right to do with me as Thou wilt ; I rejoice in Thy fatherly goodness, which will never chasten me without cause ; I have sinned enough to deserve every punishment Thou couldest send me, yea, punishment eternal ; I offer myself therefore to endure whatsoever Thou willest, as Thou willest, as long as Thou willest.

But, O my Father, remember whereof I am made, remember that I am but dust, rebuke not in Thy wrath, chasten me not in Thy displeasure: scourge me, but as Thy son; chasten me, but as Thy child.

Remember that I am a member, erring and unworthy in truth, but still a member of Thine Only-begotten Son; call to mind His holy life and conversation, His passion and death, and, for the sake of His abundant merits, leave not my poor soul, which confesses Thee, without Thy comforts, but save me for the sake of thy mercy and of Thy dear Son. Amen.

Ejaculatory Prayers proper for a Sick Person.

LORD, I accept this sickness from Thy hands, and entirely resign myself to Thy blessed will, whether it be for life or death.

Not my will, but Thine be done; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord, I submit to all the pains and uneasiness of this my illness; my sins have deserved infinitely more.

Lord, I offer up to Thee all that I now suffer, or may have yet to suffer, to be united to the Sufferings of my Redeemer, and sanctified by His Passion.

I worship Thee, O my God and my All, as my first Beginning and last End; and I desire to bow down all the powers of my soul to Thee.

Lord, I desire to praise Thee for ever, in sickness as well as in health; I desire to join my heart and voice with the whole Church of heaven and earth in blessing thee for ever.

I give thee thanks from the bottom of my heart for all Thy mercies and blessings bestowed upon me and Thy whole Church, through Jesus Christ Thy Son.

I thank Thee above all for having loved me from all eternity, and redeemed me with His precious Blood. Let not that Blood be shed for me in vain.

Lord, I believe all those heavenly truths which Thou hast revealed, and which Thy holy Catholic Church believes and teaches.

O my God, all my hope is in Thee; and through the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, I hope for salvation from Thee. In Thee O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be confounded.

O sweet Jesu, receive me into Thine arms, in this day of my distress: hide me in Thy Wounds, bathe my soul in Thy precious Blood.

I love Thee, O my God, with my whole heart and soul above all things; at least I desire so to love Thee. Oh, come, and take now full possession of my whole soul, and teach me to love Thee for ever.

I desire to depart and to be with Christ.

When will Thy kingdom come, O Lord? When wilt Thou perfectly reign in all hearts? When shall sin be no more?

I desire to embrace every neighbour with perfect charity for the love of Thee.

I forgive, from my heart, all who have in any way offended or injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have in any way offended.

Have mercy on me, O God, after Thy great goodness; according to the multitude of Thy mercies, do away mine offences.

Who will give water to my head and a fountain of tears to mine eyes, that night and day I may weep for all my sins?

Oh, that I had never offended so good a God!

Oh, that I had never sinned! Happy those souls that have always preserved their baptismal innocence.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner: sweet Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me.

I commend my soul to God, my Creator, Who made me out of nothing; to Jesus Christ, my Saviour, Who redeemed me with his precious Blood; to the Holy Ghost, Who sanctified me in Baptism. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

I renounce from this moment, and for all eternity, the devil and all his works; and I abhor all his suggestions and temptations. Oh, suffer not, O Lord, this mortal enemy of my soul to have any power over me, either now or at my last hour.

Let Thy holy Angels defend me from all the powers of darkness, and let Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners, now and at the hour of death. Let all the blessed Angels and Saints of God pray for me a poor sinner.

A Prayer before Holy Anointing.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, according to the word of Thine Apostle, I have sent for the Presbyter of the Church, that he may anoint me with oil in Thy Name; let the prayer of faith save me, O Lord, and, if it be Thy holy will raise me up sound and whole from this bed of sickness, when Thou wilt and as Thou wilt; but if not, Thy will be done. I have committed sins, many and deadly, let them all be forgiven me; and pour into the wounds of my soul the inward unction of Thy Holy Spirit; for the sake of Th most meritorious Cross and Passion. Amen.

A Prayer after the Anointing.

HOW great is Thy goodness, O Lord, Who hast provided Thy children with so many means of grace in Thy Church! I bless Thy holy Name for the sacred unction which has now hallowed my body; let the consolation thereof be poured over my wounded weary soul, send me such bodily restoration as shall seem good unto Thee, and let me be set free from all the effects of my sins; for the merits' sake of Thine own Blood and Passion. Amen.

APPROACH OF DEATH.

JESUS! ever loving Saviour,
Thou didst live and die for me;
Living, I will live to love Thee,
Dying, I will die for Thee,
Jesus! Jesus!
By Thy life and death of sorrow,
Help me in my agony.

When the last dread hour approaching,
Fills my guilty soul with fear,
All my sins rise up before me,
All my virtues disappear.
Jesus! Jesus!
Turn not Thou in anger from me;
With Thine Angels then be near.

Jesus! by the shame and sorrow
Of the Cross of Calvary,
By Thy spotless Mother's anguish,
By Thy last dread agony,
Jesus! Jesus!
those three long hours of sorrow
Thou didst purchase hope for me.

When the priest with holy unction
  Prays for mercy and for grace,
May the tears of deep compunction
  All my guilty stains efface.
    Jesus ! Jesus !
Let me find in Thee a refuge,
  In Thy Heart a resting-place.

Oh, by all that Thou didst suffer,
  Grant me mercy in that day !
Let Thy Blood and let Thy Body
  Be, at that last hour, my stay.
    Jesus ! Jesus !
For my soul let Saints, and Angels,
  And Thy glorious Mother, pray. Amen.

The Order for the Unction of the Sick.

(From the Book of Common Prayer, 1549.*)*

If the sick person desire to be anointed, then shall the Priest anoint him upon the forehead or breast only, making the Sign of the Cross, saying thus :—

AS with this visible oil thy body outwardly is anointed, so our heavenly Father, Almighty God, grant of His infinite goodness that thy soul inwardly may be anointed with the Holy Ghost, Who is the Spirit of all strength, comfort, relief, and gladness ; and vouchsafe for His great mercy (if it be His blessed will) to restore unto thee thy bodily health, and strength to serve Him ; and send thee release of all thy pains, troubles, and diseases, both in body and mind. And howsoever His goodness, by His divine and unsearchable

providence, shall dispose of thee, we, His unworthy Ministers and Servants, humbly beseech the Eternal Majesty to do with thee according to the multitude of His innumerable mercies, and to pardon thee all thy sins and offences committed by all thy bodily senses, passions, and carnal affections; Who also vouchsafe mercifully to grant unto thee ghostly strength, by His Holy Spirit, to withstand and overcome all temptations and assaults of thine adversary, that in no wise he prevail against thee, but that thou mayest have perfect victory and triumph against the devil, sin, and death, through Christ our Lord, Who by His death hath overcome the prince of death, and with the Father and the Holy Ghost evermore liveth and reigneth God, world without end. Amen.

Psalm xiii.—*Usque quo, Domine!*

HOW long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord, for ever: how long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart: how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

But my trust is in Thy mercy: and my heart is joyful in Thy salvation.

I will sing of the Lord, because He hath dealt so lovingly with me: yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

THE LAST FAREWELL.

COME, my soul, and let us dwell
On each lingering last farewell,
Which, at no far distant day,
Thou perforce wilt have to pay,
To whatever here below
Shall have made thy joy or woe.

"Fare ye well," I hear thee sigh,—
"Fare ye well, O earth and sky!
Morning's golden-tissued ray;
Changing hours of night and day!
Wood and valley, sea and shore,
I may see your face no more!

Fare ye well, affections vain,
Full of pleasure, full of pain!
Home and friends and kindred dear,
All that was my comfort here!
These poor eyes are closing fast
Now I look on you my last."

Dimmer, dimmer grows the light,
Now 'tis thick descending night;
Oh, when next again I see,
What a sight awaiteth me,—
Speechless standing, all alone,
Right before the Judgement Throne! Amen.

Prayers for the Dying.

When a soul is just departing, if no Priest be there, let one of those present say these prayers.

LORD, have mercy upon *him* (or *her*).
Christ, have mercy upon *him*.
Lord, have mercy upon *him*.
Be merciful.
From Thy wrath,
From the perils of death,
From a bad death,
From the pains of hell,
From all evil,
From the power of the Devil,
By Thy Nativity,
By Thy Cross and Passion,
By Thy Death and Burial,
By Thy glorious Resurrection,
By Thy wonderful Ascension,
By the Grace of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
In the Day of Judgment,
Good Lord, deliver him (or *her*).
We, sinners, beseech Thee to hear us,
That Thou wouldest spare *him*,
We beseech Thee to hear us.
Lord, have mercy upon *him*.
Christ, have mercy upon *him*.
Lord, have mercy upon *him*.

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world, in the Name of God, the Father Almighty, Who created thee; in the Name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who suffered for thee; in the Name of the Holy Ghost, Who was poured out upon ne; in the name of the Angels and Archangels,

and of all the host of heaven; in the name of the Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins, and of all the Saints of God; let thine habitation to-day be in peace, and thine abode in holy Sion. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

I commend thee to Almighty God, dearly beloved *brother*, and commit thee to Him Whose creature thou art, that when thou shalt have paid the debt of human nature by passing through death, thou mayest return unto thy Maker Who formed thee from the dust of the earth.

Therefore, when thy soul shall have gone forth from thy body, let the glorious bands of Angels hasten towards thee; the council of the Apostles meet thee; the noble army of Martyrs greet thee; the company of Confessors surround thee; the joyous quires of Virgins receive thee; so mayest thou gain a peaceful rest upon the bosom of the Patriarchs.

Let the face of Christ Jesus appear gentle and joyful unto thee; may He place thee for evermore among those who stand in His presence.

Mayest thou never know aught of the terror in darkness, the gnashing of teeth in the fire, the agonies among the torments. Let foulest Satan and his evil ones give place before thee, and tremble at thy coming in company of the Angels.

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; let them also that hate Him flee before Him; like as smoke vanisheth, so shalt Thou drive them away.

Christ, Who was crucified for thee, deliver thee from torment.

Christ, Who vouchsafed to die for thee, deliver thee from death everlasting.

Christ, the Son of the Living God, lead thee into the green pastures of His paradise; He, the True Shepherd, acknowledge thee as His sheep.

He absolve thee from all thy sins, and place thee at his right hand for evermore in the company of His elect; for His mercy's sake. Amen.

O Lord, receive Thy servant into the place of salvation, which *he* hopeth for from Thy mercy. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant from all peril of hell, from the snares of its torments, and from every tribulation. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou hast at divers times and in divers manners delivered Thy saints and servants from grief, pain, and perplexity; be pleased in like manner to deliver *his* soul, and let it rejoice in Thy heavenly treasures. Amen.

We commend unto Thee, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant N., and we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesu Christ, Saviour of the world, by that love whereby Thou didst come down to earth, that Thou wouldest not deny unto *him* a place in the Patriarch's bosom.

Acknowledge, O Lord, Thy creature, made, not by strange gods, but by Thee, the only Living and True God.

Make glad, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant in Thy presence; remember not *his* old sins.

Though *he* hath sinned, *he* hath not denied the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, but hath believed, hath had a zeal for God, and God, Who made all things, hath *he* faithfully worshipped.

Remember not, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the
his youth, nor *his* ignorances; but after
: goodness be mindful of *him* in the glory
ightness.

Let the heavens be opened unto *him*, let the Angels rejoice with *him*, and receive Thy servant, O Lord, into Thy kingdom.

Let Michael and all the Angels of God receive *him*, and lead *him* into the holy city Jerusalem.

Let all the holy Apostles make supplication for *him*, with all the saints and elect of God, and so may *he* come to the heavenly kingdom by the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

If the soul still linger, use the Litany of the Holy Name, p. 59; *of the Passion*, p. 74; *any of the Prayers on the Passion*, pp. 86 *to* 93; *or parts of Psalms* 118, 119.

When the soul is just departing, say several times the adorable Name, JESUS.

As soon as it is departed, say:

The Saints of God come to thine aid, the Angels of the Lord hasten thither to receive thy soul, and present it before the Most High. Christ, Who called thee, receive thee, and let the Angels bear thee into Abraham's bosom.

Grant to *him*, O Lord, eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon *him*.

Then some of the Prayers for the Departed. p. 94.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE!

BROTHER,* now thy toils are o'er,
Fought the battle, won the crown,
On life's rough and barren shore
Thou hast laid thy burden down.

* *Or* Sister.

Grant *him*, Lord, eternal rest
With the spirits of the blest.

Through death's valley, dim and dark,
Jesus guide thee in the gloom,
Show thee where His footprints mark
Tracks of glory through the tomb.
Grant *him*, Lord, &c.

Angels bear thee to the land
Where the towers of Sion rise,
Safely lead thee by the hand
To the fields of Paradise.
Grant *him*, Lord, &c.

Rest in peace! the gates of hell
Touch thee not, till He shall come
For the souls He loves so well,
Dear Lord of the Heavenly Home.
Grant *him*, Lord, &c.

Christ the Sower sows thee here;
When th' eternal day shall dawn
He will gather in the ear
On that resurrection morn.
Grant *him*, Lord, eternal rest
With the spirits of the blest. Amen.

Bona Mors:

Or Prayers for a Happy Death, through the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD, have mercy upon us: *Christ, have mercy upon us*: Lord, have mercy upon us. favourable unto us: *Spare us, good Lord.*

From an unprovided death,
From the pains of hell,
From the power of the devil,
By Thine Incarnation,
By Thy Passion and Death,
By Thy Resurrection and Ascension,
By the grace of the Holy Ghost,
By the intercessions of Thy Saints,
In the hour of death, and in the Day of Judgment,
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Good Lord, deliver us.

Our Father.

℣. And lead us not into temptation.
℟. But deliver us from evil.

℣. Cast me not away in the time of age.
℟. Forsake me not when my strength faileth.

℣. Lighten mine eyes, O Lord,
℟. That I sleep not in death.

℣. Let me die the death of the righteous.
℟. Let my last end be like his.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer.
℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD of mercy, strengthen us Thy servants with Thy heavenly grace, that at the hour of our death the enemy may not prevail against us, and that we may be counted worthy to be carried by the Angels into everlasting life.

Almighty and most tender God, Who broughtest a fountain of living water out of the rock for Thy thirsting people, bring forth from the hardness of

our hearts the tears of true repentance, that we may worthily bewail our sins, and be deemed meet, by Thy mercy, to receive remission of all our sins. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here make an Act of Contrition. For a form, see p. 6, 10, 14, *or* 40.

O LORD JESUS, God of goodness, and Father of mercies, I draw near unto Thee with a broken and contrite heart; and I commend unto Thee the last hour of my life, and the decision of my everlasting doom.

When mine eyes, beginning to grow dim, shall warn me that my end is near, and shall fix themselves on Thee, my last and only Support; by Thine Agony in the Garden, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When the pallor of my face, and when the sweat of death breaking forth, shall forebode my approaching end; by Thy Sweat of Blood, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When my ears, soon to be for ever shut to the speech of men, shall be opened to hear Thine irrevocable decree; by Thine unjust condemnation, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When my imagination shall be disturbed, and when my soul, affrighted with the sight of my sins and of Thy judgments, shall have to struggle with the angel of darkness; by Thy scourging and crowning with thorns, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When my poor heart, exhausted by its frequent struggles, shall feel the pangs of death; by the bearing of Thy Cross, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When the last tear, the forerunner of my disso-

lution, shall drop from my eyes, receive it as an act of contrition for the sins of my whole life, and in that dreadful moment; by Thy Crucifixion, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When the last sigh shall summon my soul to burst from the embrace of the body, let it fly unto Thee on the wings of impatience and desire, and then at that moment; by Thy thirst on the Cross, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When my soul, trembling on my lips, shall bid farewell to the world, and leave my body lifeless, pale, and cold, receive this separation as an act of homage which I willingly pay to Thy Sovereign Majesty; and by Thine own most holy Death, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When at length my soul, admitted to Thy presence, shall first behold Thine awful Majesty and Beauty, reject me not, but receive me into Thy bosom, where I may for ever sing Thy praises; and in that moment, when eternity shall begin for me, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, let Thy mercy be implored in our behalf, both now and at the hour of our death, by the Blessed Virgin Mary Thy Mother, whose soul, in the hour of Thy Passion, was pierced with the sword of sorrow.

O God, Who for the redemption of the world wast pleased to be born, circumcised, rejected by the Jews, betrayed by the kiss of Judas the traitor, bound with cords, led as an innocent lamb to the slaughter, shamefully brought before Annas, Caiaphas, and Herod, accused by false witnesses, mocked with scourgings and reproaches, defiled

with spittings, crowned with thorns, buffeted with blows, smitten with a reed, blindfolded, stripped of raiment, nailed to the Cross, lifted up on the Cross, reckoned among thieves, to be given gall and vinegar to drink, and to be wounded by a spear: do Thou, O Lord, by these Thy most holy sufferings, which I, although unworthy, call to mind, and by Thy holy Cross and Death, deliver me, Thy servant, from the pains of hell, and be pleased to lead me whither Thou didst lead the thief crucified with Thee: Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

CONTEMPLATION OF DEATH.

NOW let me close mine eyes,
And strive to picture to myself the day
When, stretched in my last dying agonies,
I here no more may stay.

Ah! when will be the time
For thee, my soul, to wing thy solemn flight?
Shall it be winter's snow, or summer's prime?
Shall it be day or night?

And shall it be my lot
Prepared by Sacraments of grace to die?
Or shall I perish in some lonely spot,
No Priest of Jesus nigh?

And will my death come slow,
Or sudden as the lightning's vivid blast?
Ah me! I cannot say: but this I know,
That come it must at last.

Oh, then, since thus I live,
Certain of death, uncertain of the day,
This grace to me, Immortal Saviour, give,
In Thy dear love I pray,—

That whatsoe'er befall
Of good or ill, I evermore may be
Ready, whenever sounds Thy solemn call,
At once to answer Thee! Amen.

The Order for Prime.

Our Father. Hail Mary. I believe.

℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be. As it was. Alleluia.

From Septuagesima until Easter, instead of Alleluia,—

Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

HYMN. *Jam lucis orto sidere.*

NOW that the daylight fills the sky,
We lift our hearts to God on high,
That He, in all we do and say,
Would keep us free from harm to-day:

Would guard our hearts and tongues from strife:
From anger's din would hide our life:
From all ill sights would turn our eyes:
Would close our ears from vanities:

Would keep our inmost conscience pure :
Our souls from folly would secure :
Would bid us check the pride of sense
With due and holy abstinence.

So we, when this new day is gone,
And night in turn is drawing on,
With conscience by the world unstained,
Shall praise His Name for victory gained.

All praise to God the Father be ;
All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee ;
All praise for ever, as is meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

ANTIPHONS.

Sunday,—Alleluia.
Weekdays,—Blessed are they that walk.

PSALMS.

Sunday,	Psalm	118.	Glory.	
Monday,	,,	24.	,,	
Tuesday,	,,	25.	,,	
Wednesday.	,,	26.	,,	
Thursday,	,,	23.	,,	
Friday,	,,	22.	,,	
Saturday,	,,	54.	,,	
Daily,	,,	119, v.	1 to 16.	Glory.
,,	,,	119, v.	17 to 32.	,,

ANTIPHONS.

Sunday,—Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Weekdays,—Blessed are those that walk in Thy law, O Lord.

SHORT CHAPTER. 1 Tim. 1. 17.

UNTO the King, Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

℟. Thanks be to God.

SHORT RESPOND.

O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.

℣. Thou That sittest at the right hand of the Father,

Have mercy upon us.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.

℣. O Christ, arise, help us.
℟. And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.
℣. And lead us not into temptation.
℟. But deliver us from evil.

I believe in God.
℣. The resurrection of the body.
℟. And the life everlasting. Amen.

℣. I have cried unto Thee, O Lord.
℟. And early let my prayer come unto Thee.

℣. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise:
℟. That I may sing of Thy glory and honour all the day long.

℣. Lord, turn Thy face from my sins:
℟. And put out all my misdeeds.

℣. Make me a clean heart, O God:
℟. And renew a right Spirit within me.

℣. Cast me not away from Thy presence:
℟. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

℣. O give me the comfort of Thy help again:
℟. And stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

℣. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
℟. Who hath made heaven and earth.

I confess to Almighty God, &c.
God Almighty, &c.
The Almighty and merciful, &c., p. 2.

℣. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day
℟. To keep us without sin.

℣. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.
℟. Have mercy upon us.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer,
℟. And let my crying come unto Thee.

℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us Pray.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and Everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty

protection both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

℣. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
℟. Who hath made heaven and earth.

℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

℣. Let us bless the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless us and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life; and may the souls of the faithful, by the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Order for Compline.

PRAY, sir, a blessing.

Benediction.

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
℟. Amen.

SHORT LESSON. 1 St. Peter, v. 8.

BRETHREN, be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour, whom resist steadfast in the faith. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
℟. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Our Father *(said by all in silence).*
I confess to Almighty God, &c.

Almighty God have mercy, &c.
The Almighty and merciful, &c., p. 2.

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.

℣. O God, make speed, &c.
℟. O Lord, make haste, &c.

Glory be to the Father. As it was. Alleluia.
Or, Praise be to Thee.

ANTIPHONS.

Throughout the year,—Have mercy.
In Eastertide,—Alleluia.

PSALMS.

Psalm 4. Glory.
,, 31 (to v. 6). Glory.
,, 91. Glory.
,, 134. ,,

ANTIPHONS.

Throughout the year,—Have mercy upon me, O Lord, and hearken unto my prayer.
In Eastertide,—Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

HYMN. *Te lucis ante terminum.*

BEFORE the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That, with Thy wonted favour, Thou
Wouldst be our Guard and Keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and phantasies
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

SHORT CHAPTER. Jer. xiv. 9.

THOU, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy Name: leave us not, O Lord our God.

℟. Thanks be to God.

SHORT RESPOND.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
℣. For Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, Thou God of truth.
I commend my spirit.
℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
℣. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of an eye.
℟. Hide us under the shadow of Thy wings.

ANTIPHON.

Save us.

THE SONG OF SIMEON.

Nunc dimittis.

ANTIPHON.

Save us, O Lord, waking, and keep us sleeping, that we may watch with Christ, and rest in peace.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father.

℣. And lead us not into temptation.
℟. But deliver us from evil.

I believe.

℣. The resurrection of the body.
℟. And the life everlasting. Amen.

℣. Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers.
℟. And greatly to be praised, and glorious for ever.

℣. Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost.
℟. Let us praise and exalt Him for ever.

℣. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
℟. And greatly to be praised, and glorious, and highly exalted for ever.

℣. The Almighty and merciful Lord bless us and keep us.
℟. Amen.

℣. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night
℟. To keep us without sin.

℣. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.
℟. Have mercy upon us.

℣. Let Thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.
℟. As we have put our trust in Thee.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer.
℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray,

VISIT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let Thy holy Angels dwell herein, to keep us in peace, and let Thy blessing be upon us for ever; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

℣. Let us bless the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*

NOTE.—*The* ℣. The Lord be with you *is only to be said by a Deacon or Priest.*

To the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Antiphon.—Hail, wondrous Heart of Jesus! we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, we offer our hearts unto Thee, and give and consecrate them unto Thee: accept and possess them wholly: purify, enlighten, and hallow them, that Thou mayest live and reign in them for ever. Amen.

℣. Jesus, Thou art meek and humble of Heart.
℟. Make our hearts like unto Thy Heart.

Let us pray.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, to look upon the Face and upon the Heart of Thy Christ; and let our hearts so burn with the sacred fire

wherewith It is enkindled, that nothing may please us, nothing delight us, nothing attract us, save the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

O good Jesus, I praise Thee: and whatsoever is wanting in my praise of Thee, do Thou vouchsafe to supply.

O good Jesus, I love Thee: and whatsoever is wanting in my love of Thee, do Thou be pleased to supply, and vouchsafe to offer the love of Thy Sacred Heart to God the Father on my behalf.

Glory be to Thee, most loving, most noble, all glorious, peaceful, and unspeakable Trinity. Amen.—*St. Mechtilde.*

All glory be to God.

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The Priests shall be holy unto their God, and not profane the Name of their God: for the Offerings of the Lord made by fire, and the Bread of their God they do offer: therefore they shall be holy.—*Levit.* xxi. 6.

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PREFACE.

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SOME of my brethren in the priesthood having been kind enough to tell me that they had found "The English Catholic's Vade Mecum" of great help to them in their private devotions, it occurred to me that an appendix containing prayers, more especially adapted to priestly needs, might render the book still more acceptable to them; in this idea my publisher, Mr. Palmer, concurred—hence the present "Supplement."

In offering this addition to my former work to my brethren, I wish it to be distinctly understood that I have only endeavoured to be of use to them in the oratory and at the Altar; this book consequently contains no devotions for use when visiting the sick, or other parochial ministrations, this want having been abundantly met in the well-known "Priest's Prayer Book." Nor, although short offices for the Lesser Hours are given, does this book aim at supplying the place of a Breviary or Horarium; the former in a complete English form may be secured by a joint use of the "Night Hours" (Hayes), and the "Day Office of the Church" (Masters), both these works being founded on the reformed Roman Breviary.

The sources whence the devotions in this "Vade Mecum" for English priests have been derived are in great measure the ancient service books of the Church of Sarum; where no other

source is indicated it may be taken for granted that the offices and prayers are translated from the Sarum Missal, Breviary, Manual, or Pontifical. The only exceptions to this rule are the prayers "After Study," and "After Catechising," at pp. 84 and 87, the "Litany" at p. 90, and also some of the Short Devotions with which the work concludes, the origin of which has not been named in the course of the work, but it may be here stated that they are not "of Sarum," the first three being modern forms, not before printed, and the last named being derived from the French Missals. For the non-Sarum portions of the work it will be seen that recourse has been had chiefly to three sources—1. The diocesan French liturgical books (principally those of Paris), as reformed in the last century. 2. The Ratisbon (1862) edition of the *Manuale Ordinandorum*. 3. The *Horæ Sacræ Vitæ Sacerdotalis* (1841), compiled by Charles Eggert, Preacher of Ratisbon Cathedral. In the Manner of Celebrating (p. 43) the Sarum rubrics have been carefully followed.

In the work of translation I have always endeavoured to have regard to edification, rather than merely to an exact rendering of the original words into English. I have, consequently, not hesitated to paraphrase very freely expressions, to which (if strictly translated), theological or other objections might have been taken; nor have I scrupled to omit or to add whole sentences where it appeared desirable to do so. It may be well, perhaps, to draw attention to the fact that the *Te igitur*, &c., has been omitted from the devotional additions to the

Anglican Eucharistic Office, because it seems quite superfluous to reiterate what has been already adequately expressed in substance in the "Prayer for the whole state of Christ's Church;" and in like manner the clause *Per Quem hæc omnia* has been left out from the end of the Canon, since liturgists agree that (as the words themselves show), the phrase had no original reference to the Eucharistic Gifts at all, but to offerings of the fruits of the earth, which, having been presented at the Offertory, were blessed by the Celebrant at the end of the Canon. The collection of Collects (p. 100) is intended to supplement those in the Book of Common Prayer; this will explain the principle of their selection. As this "Supplement" is intended to be used in combination with the "Vade Mecum," nothing has been here given which has been already supplied in the original work.

I do not know that I need add anything further as to the scope of this book or the sources from whence it is derived; and so with its merits (if it has any), and with its defects, which I hope are not so serious as to negative its prospect of usefulness, I venture to commend it to the favourable notice of my brethren.

THE COMPILER.

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Before the Divine Office.

From the Breviary of the Benedictines of St. Maur.

LORD, teach us to pray. Let the Spirit Itself make intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, and hearken unto my prayer.

After the Divine Office.

From the same.

BLESSING, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him That sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.

To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ, for ever. Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

The English Priest's

VADE MECUM.

THE LESSER HOURS.

At Prime.

Our Father. Hail, Mary. I believe.

℣. O God, make speed to save me. ℟. O Lord, make haste to help me. ℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. ℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

From Septuagesima Sunday to Maundy Thursday : instead of Alleluia *there shall be said,* Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

In this way shall all the Hours be begun.

HYMN. *Jam lucis orto sidere.*

NOW that the daylight fills the sky,
We lift our hearts to God on high,
That He, in all we do or say,
Would keep us free from harm to-day :

Would guard our hearts and tongues from strife :
From anger's din would hide our life :
From all ill sights would turn our eyes :
Would close our ears from vanities :

Would keep our inmost conscience pure :
Our souls from folly would secure :
Would bid us check the pride of sense
With due and holy abstinence.

So we, when this new day is gone,
And night in turn is drawing on,
With conscience by the world unstained,
Shall praise His Name for victory gained.

All praise to God the Father be ;
All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee ;
All praise, as is for ever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

ANT. Hear my prayer, O God.

PSALM LIV. *Deus, in Nomine.*

SAVE me, O God, for Thy Name's sake : and avenge me in Thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God : and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me : and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, God is my helper : the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies : destroy Thou them in Thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give Thee, and praise Thy Name, O Lord : because it is so comfortable.

For He hath delivered me out of all my trouble : and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies. Glory.

PSALM CXIX. *Beati immaculati.*

BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep His testimonies: and seek Him with their whole heart.

For they who do no wickedness: walk in His ways.

Thou hast charged: that we shall diligently keep Thy commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct: that I might keep Thy statutes!

So shall I not be confounded: while I have respect unto all Thy commandments.

I will thank Thee with an unfeigned heart: when I shall have learned the judgments of Thy righteousness.

I will keep Thy ceremonies: O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way: even by ruling himself after Thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not go wrong out of Thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart: that I should not sin against Thee.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord: O teach me Thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling: of all the judgements of Thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of Thy testimonies: as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of Thy commandments: and have respect unto Thy ways.

My delight shall be in Thy statutes: and I will not forget Thy word. Glory.

Retribue servo Tuo.

O DO well unto Thy servant: that I may live and keep Thy word.

Open Thou mine eyes: that I may see the wondrous things of Thy law.

I am a stranger upon earth: O hide not Thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire: that it hath always unto Thy judgements.

Thou hast rebuked the proud: and cursed are they that do err from Thy commandments.

O turn from me shame and rebuke: for I have kept Thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me: but Thy

servant is occupied in Thy statutes.

For Thy testimonies are my delight : and my counsellors.

My soul cleaveth to the dust : O quicken Thou me, according to Thy word.

I have acknowledged my ways, and Thou heardest me : O teach me Thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of Thy commandments : and so shall I talk of Thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth away for very heaviness : comfort Thou me according unto Thy word.

Take from me the way of lying : and cause Thou me to make much of Thy law.

I have chosen the way of truth : and Thy judgments have I laid before me.

I have stuck unto Thy testimonies : O Lord, confound me not.

I will run the way of Thy commandments : when Thou hast set my heart at liberty. Glory.

ANT. Hear my prayer, O God : and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

THE SHORT CHAPTER. Zech. viii. 19.

℣. Love the truth and peace, saith the Lord of Hosts. ℟. Thanks be to God.

SHORT ℟. Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us. *Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.* ℣. Thou That sitteth at the right hand of the Father. *Have mercy upon us.* ℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. *Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.* ℣. O Christ, arise, help us. ℟. And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father, *secretly.* ℣. And lead us not into temptation. ℟. But deliver us from evil.

℣. O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee. ℟. And Thy judgments shall help me.

℣. I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost. ℟. O seek Thy servant, for I do not forget Thy commandments.

I believe in God, *secretly*. ℣. The resurrection of the body. ℟. And the life everlasting. Amen.

℣. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise. ℟. That I may sing of Thy glory and honour all the day long.

℣. Lord, turn Thy face from my sins. ℟. And put out all my misdeeds.

℣. Make me a clean heart, O God. ℟. And renew a right spirit within me.

℣. Cast me not away from Thy presence. ℟. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

℣. O give me the comfort of Thy help again. ℟. And stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

℣. Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil man. ℟. And preserve me from the wicked man.

℣. Deliver me from mine enemies, O God. ℟. Defend me from them that rise up against me.

℣. Deliver me from the wicked doers. ℟. And save me from the blood-thirsty men.

℣. So will I alway sing praise unto Thy Name. ℟. That I may daily perform my vows.

℣. Hear us, O God of our salvation. ℟. Thou That art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

By every power, by heart and tongue,
By act and deed, Thy praise be sung;
Inflame with perfect love each sense,
That others' souls may kindle thence.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

ANT.—O let Thy loving mercies come unto me.

PSALM CXIX. *Legem pone.*

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding and I shall keep Thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments: for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken Thou me in Thy way.

O stablish Thy word in Thy servant: that I may fear Thee.

Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of: for Thy judgements are good.

Behold, my delight is in Thy commandments: O quicken me in Thy righteousness.

Let Thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord: even Thy salvation, according unto Thy word.

So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers: for my trust is in Thy word.

O take not the word of Thy truth utterly out of my mouth: for my hope is in Thy judgements.

So shall I alway keep Thy law: yea, for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty: for I seek Thy commandments.

I will speak of Thy testimonies also, even before kings: and will not be ashamed.

And my delight shall be in Thy commandments: which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto Thy commandments, which I have loved: and my study shall be in Thy statutes. Glory.

Memor esto servi Tui.

O THINK upon Thy servant, as concerning Thy word: wherein Thou hast caused me to put my trust.

The same is my comfort in my trouble: for Thy word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me exceedingly in derision: yet have I not shrinked from Thy law.

For I remembered Thine everlasting judgements, O Lord: and received comfort.

I am horribly afraid: for the ungodly that forsake Thy law.

Thy statutes have been my songs: in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have thought upon Thy Name, O Lord, in the night season: and have kept Thy law.

This I had: because I kept Thy commandments.

Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have promised to keep Thy law.

I made my humble petition in Thy presence with my whole heart: O be merciful unto me, according to Thy word.

I called mine own ways to remembrance: and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.

I made haste, and prolonged not the time: to keep Thy commandments.

The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me: but I have not forgotten Thy law.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee: because of Thy righteous judgements.

I am a companion of all them that fear Thee: and keep Thy commandments.

The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy mercy: O teach me Thy statutes. Glory.

Bonitatem fecisti.

O LORD, Thou hast dealt graciously with Thy servant: according unto Thy word.

O learn me true understanding and knowledge: for I have believed Thy commandments.

Before I was troubled, I went wrong: but now have I kept Thy word.

Thou art good and gracious: O teach me Thy statutes.

The proud have imagined a lie against me: but I will keep Thy commandments with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as brawn: but my delight hath been in Thy law.

It is good for me that I

have been in trouble: that I may learn Thy statutes.

The law of Thy mouth is dearer unto me: than thousands of gold and silver.

Thy hands have made me, and fashioned me: O give me understanding, that I may learn Thy commandments.

They that fear Thee will be glad when they see me: because I have put my trust in Thy word.

I know, O Lord, that Thy judgements are right: and that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

O let Thy merciful kindness be my comfort: according to Thy word unto Thy servant.

O let Thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live: for Thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me: but I will be occupied in Thy commandments.

Let such as fear Thee, and have known Thy testimonies: be turned unto me.

O let my heart be sound in Thy statutes: that I be not ashamed. Glory.

ANT.—O let Thy loving mercies come unto me: that I may live, for Thy law is my delight.

THE SHORT CHAPTER. Jer. xvii. 14.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for Thou art my praise.

℣. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me. ℟. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

℣. Lord hear my prayer. ℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

[THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY.]

℣. Lord hear. ℟. And let.

℣. Let us bless the Lord. ℟. Thanks be to God.

At Sext.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.
O God, make speed, *p.* 1.

HYMN. *Rector potens, verax Deus.*

O GOD of truth, O Lord of might,
Who ord'rest time and change aright,
And send'st the early morning ray,
And light'st the glow of perfect day.

Extinguish Thou each sinful fire,
And banish every ill desire:
And while Thou keep'st the body whole,
Shed forth Thy peace upon the soul.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son:
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

ANT.—Let me not be disappointed.

PSALM CXIX. *Deficit anima mea.*

MY soul hath longed for Thy salvation: and I have a good hope because of Thy word.

Mine eyes long sore for Thy word: saying, O when wilt Thou comfort me?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke: yet do I not forget Thy statutes.

How many are the days of Thy servant: when wilt Thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

The proud have digged pits for me: which are not after Thy law.

All Thy commandments are true: they persecute me falsely: O be Thou my help.

They had almost made an end of me upon earth : but I forsook not Thy commandments.

O quicken me after Thy loving-kindness : and so shall I keep the testimonies of Thy mouth.

O Lord, Thy word : endureth for ever in heaven.

Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another : Thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to Thine ordinance : for all things serve Thee.

If my delight had not been in Thy law : I should have perished in my trouble.

I will never forget Thy commandments : for with them Thou hast quickened me.

I am Thine, O save me : for I have sought Thy commandments.

The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me : but I will consider Thy testimonies.

I see that all things come to an end : but Thy commandment is exceeding broad. Glory

Quomodo dilexi !

LORD, what love have I unto Thy law : all the day long is my study in it.

Thou through Thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies : for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than my teachers : for Thy testimonies are my study.

I am wiser than the aged : because I keep Thy commandments.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way : that I may keep Thy word.

I have not shrunk from Thy judgements : for Thou teachest me.

O how sweet are Thy words unto my throat : yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.

Through Thy commandments I get understanding : therefore I hate all evil ways.

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths.

I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed : to keep Thy righteous judgements.

I am troubled above measure : quicken me, O Lord, according to Thy word.

Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please Thee, O Lord : and teach me Thy judgements:

My soul is alway in my

hand : yet do I not forget Thy law.

The ungodly have laid a snare for me : but yet I swerved not from Thy commandments.

Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever : and why ? they are the very joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfil Thy statutes alway : even unto the end. Glory.

Iniquos odio habui.

I HATE them that imagine evil things : but Thy law do I love.

Thou art my defence and shield : and my trust is in Thy word.

Away from me, ye wicked: I will keep the commandments of my God.

O stablish me according to Thy Word, that I may live : and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe : yea, my delight shall be ever in Thy statutes.

Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from Thy statutes : for they imagine but deceit.

Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross : therefore I love Thy testimonies.

My flesh trembleth for fear of Thee : and I am afraid of Thy judgements.

I deal with the thing that is lawful and right : O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

Make Thou Thy servant to delight in that which is good : that the proud do me no wrong.

Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for Thy health : and for the word of Thy righteousness.

O deal with Thy servant according unto Thy loving mercy . and teach me Thy statutes.

I am Thy servant, O grant me understanding : that I may know Thy testimonies.

It is time for Thee, Lord, to lay to Thine hand : for they have destroyed Thy law.

For I love Thy commandments : above gold and precious stone.

Therefore hold I straight all Thy commandments : and all false ways I utterly abhor. Glory.

ANT.—Let me not be disappointed : of my hope.

Clamavi in toto corde meo.

I CALL with my whole heart : hear me, O Lord, I will keep Thy statutes.

Yea, even unto Thee do I call : help me, and I shall keep Thy testimonies.

Early in the morning do I cry unto Thee : for in Thy word is my trust.

Mine eyes prevent the nightwatches : that I might be occupied in Thy words.

Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto Thy loving-kindness : quicken me, according as Thou art wont.

They draw nigh that of malice persecute me : and are far from Thy law.

Be Thou nigh at hand, O Lord : for all Thy commandments are true.

As concerning Thy testimonies, I have known long since : that Thou hast grounded them for ever.

O consider mine adversity, and deliver me : for I do not forget Thy law.

Avenge Thou my cause, and deliver me : quicken me, according to Thy word.

Health is far from the ungodly : for they regard not Thy statutes.

Great is Thy mercy, O Lord : quicken me, as Thou art wont.

Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me : yet do I not swerve from Thy testimonies.

It grieveth me when I see the transgressors : because they keep not Thy law.

Consider, O Lord, how I love Thy commandments : O quicken me, according to Thy loving kindness.

Thy word is true from everlasting : all the judgements of Thy righteousness endure for evermore. Glory.

Principes persecuti sunt.

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause : but my heart standeth in awe of Thy word.

I am as glad of Thy word : as one that findeth great spoils.

As for lies, I hate and abhor them : but Thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise Thee : because of Thy righteous judgements.

Great is the peace that they have who love Thy law : and they are not offended at it.

Lord, I have looked for Thy saving health : and done after Thy commandments.

My soul hath kept Thy

testimonies : and loved them exceedingly.

I have kept Thy commandments and testimonies : for all my ways are before Thee.

Let my complaint come before Thee, O Lord : give me understanding, according to Thy word.

Let my supplication come before Thee : deliver me, according to Thy word.

My lips shall speak of Thy praise : when Thou hast taught me Thy statutes.

Yea, my tongue shall sing of Thy word : for all Thy commandments are righteous.

Let Thine hand help me : for I have chosen Thy commandments.

I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord : and in Thy law is my delight.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee : and Thy judgements shall help me.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost : O seek Thy servant, for I do not forget Thy commandments. Glory.

ANT.—Give me understanding : according to Thy word.

THE SHORT CHAPTER. Gal. vi. 2.

Bear ye one another's burdens : and so fulfil the law of Christ.

℣. Cleanse Thou me, O Lord, from my secret faults. ℟. And keep Thy servant from presumptuous sins.

℣. Lord hear. ℟. And let.

Let us pray.

[THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY.]

℣. Lord hear. ℟. And let.

℣. Let us bless the Lord. ℟. Thanks be to God.

At Compline.

℣. Turn us then, O God our Saviour. ℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.

℣. O God, make speed, *p.* 1.

ANT.—Have mercy.

PSALM IV. *Cum invocarem.*

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: Thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour: and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to Himself the man that is godly: when I call upon the Lord, He will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness: and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say: Who will show us any good?

Lord, lift Thou up: the light of Thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart: since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil, increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest: for it is Thou, Lord, only, That makest me dwell in safety. Glory.

PSALM XXXI. *In Te, Domine, speravi.*

IN Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in Thy righteousness.

Bow down Thine ear to me: make haste to deliver me.

And be Thou my strong rock, and house of defence: that Thou mayest save me.

For Thou art my strong rock, and my castle: be Thou also my guide, and lead me for Thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net, that they have laid privily for me: for Thou art my strength.

Into Thy hands I commend my spirit: for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth. Glory.

Psalm XCI. *Qui habitat.*

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold : my God, in Him will I trust.

For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter : and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under His wings, and thou shalt be safe under His feathers : His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night : nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness : nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand : but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold : and see the reward of the ungodly.

For Thou, Lord, art my hope : Thou hast set Thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee : neither shall any plague come near thy dwelling.

For He shall give His angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands : that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him : I will set him up, because he hath known My Name.

He shall call upon Me, and I will hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble ; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him : and shew him my salvation. Glory.

Psalm CXXXIV. *Ecce nunc.*

BEHOLD now, praise the Lord : all ye servants of the Lord ;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord : even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary : and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth : give thee blessing out of Sion. Glory.

ANT. Have mercy : upon me, O Lord, and hearken unto my prayer.

THE SHORT CHAPTER. Jer. xiv. 9.

℣. Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy Name; leave us not, O Lord our God. ℟. Thanks be to God.

HYMN. *Te lucis ante terminum.*

BEFORE the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with Thy wonted favour, Thou
Wouldst be our Guard and Keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine Only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

℣. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of an eye.
℟. Hide us under the shadow of Thy wings.

ANT.—Save us, O Lord.

SONG OF SIMEON. *Nunc dimittis.*

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace : according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : Thy salvation.

Which Thou hast prepared : before the face of all people ;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory.

ANT.—Save us, O Lord : waking, and keep us sleeping ; that we may watch with Christ, and rest in peace.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, *secretly*. ℣. And lead us not into temptation. ℟. But deliver us from evil.

℣. I will lay me down in peace. ℟. And take my rest.

I believe in God, *secretly*. ℣. The resurrection of the body. ℟. And the life everlasting. Amen.

℣. Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Ghost. ℟. Let us praise, and exalt Him for ever.

℣. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of Heaven. ℟. And worthy to be praised, and glorious and highly exalted for ever.

℣. The Almighty and merciful Lord bless and keep us. ℟. Amen.

I confess unto God, &c.

Almighty God, &c.

The Almighty, &c., *as at Prime, p.* 6.

℣. Wilt Thou not turn again, and quicken us, O Lord? ℟. That Thy people may rejoice in Thee.

℣. O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us. ℟. And grant us Thy salvation.

℣. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night. ℟. To keep us without sin.

℣. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. ℟. Have mercy upon us.

℣. O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us. ℟. As our trust is in Thee.

℣. Lord, hear. ℟. And let.

Let us pray.

LIGHTEN our darkness we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night: for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Or, if Compline be said at home, the following Collect may be used instead of the above.

VISIT, we beseech Thee, O Lord our habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let Thy holy Angels dwell therein, to keep us in peace: and let Thy blessing be upon us for ever; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

℣. Lord hear. ℟. And let.

℣. Let us bless the Lord. ℟. Thanks be to God.

May the souls of the faithful, by the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

Preparation before Celebration.

ANT.—Come, O Lord.

PSALM LXXXIV. *Quam dilecta.*

O HOW amiable are Thy dwellings : Thou Lord of Hosts !

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even Thy Altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house : they will be alway praising Thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee : in whose heart are Thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God, our Defender : and look upon the face of Thine Anointed.

For one day in Thy courts : is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall He withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of Hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in Thee. Glory.

PSALM LXXXV. *Benedixisti, Domine.*

LORD, Thou art become gracious unto Thy land : Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of Thy people : and covered all their sins.

Thou hast taken away all Thy displeasure : and

turned Thyself from Thy wrathful indignation.

Turn us then, O God our Saviour : and let Thine anger cease from us.

Wilt Thou be displeased at us for ever : and wilt Thou stretch out Thy wrath from one generation to another?

Wilt Thou not turn again, and quicken us : that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?

Shew us Thy mercy, O Lord : and grant us Thy salvation.

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me : for He shall speak peace unto His people, and to His Saints, that they turn not again.

For His salvation is nigh them that fear Him : that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together : righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth : and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness : and our land shall give her increase.

Righteousness shall go before Him : and He shall direct His going in the way. Glory.

PSALM LXXXVI. *Inclina, Domine.*

BOW down Thine ear, O Lord, and hear me : for I am poor, and in misery.

Preserve Thou my soul, for I am holy : my God, save Thy servant that putteth his trust in Thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord : for I will call daily upon Thee.

Comfort the soul of Thy servant : for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For Thou, Lord, art good and gracious : and of great mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer : and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon Thee : for Thou hearest me.

Among the gods there is none like unto Thee, O Lord : there is not one that can do as Thou doest.

All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship Thee, O Lord : and shall glorify Thy Name.

For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things : Thou art God alone.

Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in Thy truth : O knit my heart unto Thee, that I may fear Thy Name.

I will thank Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart : and will praise Thy Name for evermore.

For great is Thy mercy toward me : and Thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

O God, the proud are risen against me : and the congregation of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set Thee before their eyes.

But Thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

O turn Thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me : give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and help the son of Thine handmaid.

Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed : because Thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me. Glory.

PSALM CXVI. 10. *Credidi.*

I BELIEVED, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled : I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord : for all the benefits that He hath done unto me?

I will receive the Cup of Salvation : and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all His people : right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.

Behold, O Lord, how that I am Thy servant : I am Thy servant, and the son of Thine handmaid ; Thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving : and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all His people : in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord. Glory.

PSALM CXXXII. *Memento, Domine.*

LORD, remember David : and all his trouble;

How he sware unto the Lord : and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob;

I will not come withi

Prayers before Celebration.

I.

O THOU Who art our great High Priest, and true Bishop, Who didst offer Thyself to God the Father, a pure and spotless victim upon the Altar of the Cross, for us miserable sinners; and didst give us Thy flesh to eat, and Thy blood to drink, and didst ordain that Holy Mystery in the power of Thy Holy Spirit, saying, This do in remembrance of Me; behold I, mindful of Thy venerable passion, hasten to draw near to Thine Altar, (sinner, and unworthy, though I be) to offer unto Thee the Sacrifice which Thou, Thyself hast ordained, and commanded to be offered in remembrance of Thee, and for our Salvation. Herein Thy Flesh is verily received. Herein Thy Blood is verily drunk. Here things below are joined to things on high, things human, to things divine. But who can worthily celebrate this Sacrifice unless Thou: O Almighty God, dost make the offerer worthy? I know, O Lord, yea, surely do I know, and this do I confess to Thy loving mercy, that I am not worthy to draw near to so high a mystery, by reason of my many sins, and my numberless negligences. But I know, and truly do I believe with my whole heart, and confess with my lips, that Thou canst make me worthy, Who alone canst make the unworthy worthy, the unclean clean, and sinners righteous and holy. By this, Thine Almighty power, and unspeakable

love, I pray, and beseech Thy mercy, to grant, that I a sinner, upon whom amongst Thy other gifts Thou hast bestowed the priestly office for no merits of my own, but only of Thine own goodness and mercy, may celebrate this Heavenly Sacrifice, and may touch this Holy Mystery, with that reverence and honour, that devotion and fear, that purity of heart which I ought to have; and so may I ever believe, understand, feel, firmly hold, say, and think concerning these mysteries, that which shall please Thee, and be good for my own soul; and so may it please Thee favourably and graciously to accept this Sacrifice at my hands, for my own Salvation, and for the Salvation of all the quick and dead. Amen.

II.

O GOD, Who dost make the unworthy to become worthy, and sinners to become righteous and holy, Who purifiest the impure; cleanse my heart and body from all stain and spot of sin, and make me a meet and earnest minister at Thy Holy Altar; and mercifully grant that on this Altar, to which I, although so unworthy, do now draw near, I may offer a sacrifice well-pleasing and acceptable to Thy goodness, for my sins and offences, and for my numberless daily transgressions; for all who shall be present; for all who are joined to me by friendship or kindred; for all who persecute or hate me; for the doing away of the sins of all believers. And so may my prayer and sacrifice be acceptable unto Thee through

Him, O God the Father, Who offered Himself to Thee a Sacrifice for us, and Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

III.

LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof, but trusting in Thy mercy, O Almighty God, I draw near to the Sacrament of Thine Only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ; I draw nigh as one sick to the Physician of life, unclean to the Fountain of mercy, blind to the Light of eternal brightness, poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth, naked to the King of Glory; a sheep to the Good Shepherd; a creature to the Creator; desolate to the kind Comforter; miserable to the Pitiful One; guilty to the Absolver; unrighteous to the Justifier; hard-hearted to the Giver of grace. I implore, therefore, the abundance of Thine exceeding bounty, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to heal my sickness, to wash my defilements, to enlighten my blindness, to enrich my poverty, and to clothe my nakedness, to restore my wandering soul, to comfort me in my distress, to reconcile the guilty, to give pardon to the sinner, forgiveness to the miserable, life to the accused, justification to the dead in trespasses and sins; that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, with such chastity of body and purity of soul, with such contrition of heart, and such a fountain of tears, with such spiritual gladness, and

heavenly joy, with such reverence and humility, such honour and devotion, such love and faith, such purpose and intention, as may be expedient for the health of my soul: so that It may profit me unto eternal life, and be unto me remission of all my sins. Grant me, I beseech Thee, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, but the substance also and virtue of the Sacrament. O most merciful God, grant me so to receive the Body of Thine Only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, Which He took of the Virgin Mary, that I may be worthy to be incorporated with His mystical Body, and accounted among His members. O most loving Father, grant me, that thy beloved Son, Whom I now purpose to receive veiled from sight, I may at length behold for ever face to face; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

IV.

I BESEECH Thee, O most kind Lord Jesu Christ, that for the sake* of Thy Mother, the most blessed Virgin Mary, and of all Thy Saints, Thou wouldest teach and suffer me to draw near to this wonderful Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, with such purity of heart, and cleanness of mind, with such reverence and devotion as may become me, and be good for my soul. O most gracious Lord Jesu Christ, let my heart feel the

* Deut. ix. 27. Psalm cxxxii. 10.

sweetness of Thy blessed Presence, let It be the cleansing away of all my spiritual sloth, the washing away of all mine offences, my protection against the numberless perils of the world. Let my soul taste and see that the Lord is gracious, and at this taste let all fleshly delights vanish away. O Bread full of pleasure! O Food of life! O Meat much to be desired! O Feast of exceeding sweetness, refreshing all things, and never failing! The Angels and the spirits and souls of the righteous partake of Thee with plenteous fulness. May it please Thee, O Lord, that my sinful soul, while yet on its pilgrimage, may now partake of Thee in faith, that so receiving strength from Thee, it may fulfil its journey through Thee, even unto Thee, without let or hindrance from Satan. Mortify in my members, and in my heart, all lusts of the flesh, and all hurtful passions, that Thou the King of Virgins, and Lover of purity, mayest have a peaceful abode in this my tabernacle. O Lord, Thou knowest with how many and great disquietudes my soul is vexed. But do Thou, O Lord, who art the great physician, come and heal it, for to Thee all power and dominion is delivered throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

V.

From the Tournai Missal.

O MOST merciful God, of Thy great goodness forgive me all my sins, that being justified by Thy grace, I may worthily draw near to minister

at Thy Holy Altar. Lighten my darkness by the grace of the Holy Ghost, that the eyes of my mind being purified I may know how to celebrate this Holy Mystery in memory, and in honour of the precious death of Thine only begotten Son, reverently, carefully, devoutly, and with due piety Send far from me the prince of death and all his angels. Drive all temptations of unclean spirits away from me, and keep my mind from all forbidden desires. Grant that my heart may reach after Thee, and that all my thoughts may be according to Thy will. Let Thy mercy be pleased with my petitions, and receive the holy oblation at my hands for the healing, and eternal remission, of all my sins. Amen.

VI.

From the Tournai Missal.

WITH guilty conscience, fearful because of my evil life, and full of disquiet because bound with the chain of my sins, I pray unto Thee, O Lord, my only Refuge, the sole Consolation of the wretched, to have mercy upon me, Thine unworthy priest, and to forgive me, now that I presume with unclean lips to consecrate, and with unhallowed hands to touch, that saving Sacrament which angels and heavenly powers fear and reverence. But while I draw near, I protest unto Thee, O Lord, that I trust only in Thee, being mindful of mine own sins, and of Thy

mercy which endureth for ever. And I dare to pray unto Thee, O Lord, that this Thy Holy Sacrifice may not bring judgement or condemnation upon me, but may rather set me free from my sins and distresses, and may preserve my soul unto everlasting life. Again I beseech Thee, O Lord God, in my supplication, not to look upon me as puffed up with presumption, but regard my poor and trembling devotion, for, sinful and unclean, I presume with polluted hands to consecrate the Sacrament of Thy holy Flesh, and precious Blood. Humbly do I implore Thee, O Lord, to look upon this Thy Mystery, and to have mercy upon Thine unhappy minister: purify the priest, hallow the Sacrifice. O God the Father, hear me, and take from me all that is contrary to Thee. Fit me for Thy holy service, make me a minister worthy of Thee, and grant that whatsoever pleasing to thee I shall ask during these holy Mysteries, or whatsoever I have thus asked, may be graciously done for me, to Thine eternal honour and glory. Amen.

VII.

From the Liturgy of St. Basil.

THOU, O Lord, knowest the hearts of all men; Thou art holy, and inhabitest the holy place; Thou only art without sin, and art mighty to forgive sins. Thou, O Lord, knowest mine unworthiness, and that with too little pre-

paration, and not sufficiently well disposed, I draw near to this Thy holy ministry. But not presumptuously do I draw near to open my lips in the presence of Thy holy glory, but praying Thee, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, to be merciful to me a sinner. And do Thou grant that I may find grace and mercy at this time, and send me power from on high, that I may begin, and prepare, and accomplish this Thy holy ministry according to Thy good pleasure. Yea, O Lord, do Thou be with us; be Thou our Helper in our work; do Thou bless us; for Thou art the Remission of our sins, the Light of our souls, our Life, our Strength, our Confidence; Thou art He to Whom we lift up on high praise, glory, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, now throughout all ages, and world without end. Amen.

Direction of Intention in Celebrating.

Chiefly from the Dominican Missal.

O HEAVENLY Father, most merciful Lord, Father of mercies, accept to-day, at Thy servant's hands, this most holy Sacrifice, which is verily and indeed the Body and Blood of Thine Only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Whose one Offering of Himself once offered on the Cross I do hereby present and show forth unto Thee, in satisfaction and remission of all my sins; for the health and strength of my soul;

for all my kindred; and for all for whom I am bound to pray; for all princes, prelates, preachers, priests, and religious men and women, who profess the Catholic Faith, that it may please Thee to give them the grace of the Holy Ghost, for the salvation of their own souls, and for the right governance of all Christian people; for all sinners throughout the world, that it may please Thee to convert them, and lead them into the way of salvation; for the consolation of all who are in distress, that it may please Thee to help them, and to give them true patience; for the souls of all the faithful departed, that it may please Thee to give them rest and peace; for the illumination and conversion of all the heathen, and of all unbelievers, heretics, and schismatics, that they may know and love Thee, the most high Truth, the Father Almighty, Who with the Son, and the Holy Ghost, art God, blessed and praised for evermore. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer Paraphrased.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE FOUR ENDS OF SACRIFICE.

Abridged from the Manuale Ordinandorum.

OUR FATHER, *Which art in heaven*, Who in the Sacrifice of Thy beloved Son, our great High Priest, hast both fulfilled all the sacrifices of the old law, and hast also given us a per-

fect example to follow; grant that, by Thy grace, we may be conformed to the image of Thy Son, Who taking the form of a servant became like unto us. And even as He offered Himself wholly unto Thee, do Thou grant that we also may offer ourselves, a living sacrifice, unto Thy Divine majesty; and that our sacrifice of ourselves may be accepted, we also offer unto Thee Thy well beloved Son, to the glory of Thy Name, in thanksgiving for Thy benefits, that through Him our prayers may be accepted, and as the propitiation for our sins.

I. ADORATION. *Hallowed be Thy Name*, O Lord Jesu Christ, Who seeking not Thine own, but Thy Father's glory, didst deliver Thyself up for us all, an Offering and a Sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour. I praise and worship, from the bottom of my heart, Thy power, goodness, wisdom, justice, and mercy which do so marvellously shine forth in this Sacrifice, and work of our redemption. I rejoice that through the Sacrifice of Thyself Thou hast provided a new and living way whereby men may worship the true and living God, in the sacred Memorial of that Sacrifice which Thou hast commanded to be offered in Thy Church. In union with which pure Oblation, which I am now about to offer unto Thee, I offer to Thee my whole self, my understanding, my memory, my will, as a whole burnt sacrifice unto Thee, until *Thy kingdom come*, O Thou Prince of the Kings of the earth. O Jesu, my King and my God, in this holy Sacrifice I choose Thee as my everlasting Lord, and I offer myself to Thee as Thy servant. Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord, henceforth, world without end.

II. EUCHARIST. *Thy will be done*, O Lord Jesu Christ, Who didst come into this world to do Thy Father's will, and so to accomplish the work of our redemption, which He gave Thee to fulfil. From this Thy work of obedience all grace, salvation, and life, yea, and all good things, flow plenteously forth unto us. What can I render unto Thee, O Lord, for all that Thou hast done for us? I know nothing more pleasing unto Thee than to submit my will to Thee in all things. Therefore in union with Thy one offering of Thyself, which I in this Eucharistic Sacrifice do show forth, I freely and entirely submit my whole will to Thee, now, and for ever, in thanksgiving for all that Thou hast done for me. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

III. IMPETRATION. *Give us this day, our daily bread*, O most loving Father, Who out of Thy boundless liberality hast not spared Thine own Son, but hast given Him up for us all. How shalt Thou not, with Him also, freely give us all things? Especially when that same Son hath promised that whatsoever we ask of Thee in His Name shall be given unto us. Behold now, in His Name, and for the sake of His meritorious Sacrifice, which I am about to show forth before Thee, I beseech Thee to give me daily bread for the body, that I may be strong for Thy service, and daily bread for the soul, even the gifts of Thy grace, that I may not faint nor fail on my journey, until at length I shall be satisfied with the fulness of Thy House.

IV. PROPITIATION. *And forgive us our trespasses*, O Father of mercies, with Whom we have an Advocate, Jesus Christ the Righteous,

Who is the Propitiation for our sins, Whom in these Holy Mysteries we offer unto Thee, while we celebrate the Memorial of His Sacrifice. Accept then this Propitiation, which I offer with a troubled spirit because of my sins, and with a heart at peace with all men, and *as we forgive them that trespass against us*, forgive us all our offences. But what will it profit us to be set free from sins past, if we be not defended from sin in time to come? Therefore we pray defend us, *And lead us not into temptation.* Keep far from us all occasions of falling, and do not in Thy just anger, give us over to the desires of our own hearts. Be with us in temptation, and suffer us not to be tempted above that we are able. *But deliver us from evil*, though for our sins we have deserved it, and for Thy Name's sake, for Thy Son's sake, be merciful to our sins for they are great.

As the remedy for every evil, O Jesu, I draw near to Thee in the Sacrifice of Thy Body and Blood; though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me. Amen.

A Confession of Guilt before Celebrating.

From an Ancient Psalter.

O LORD GOD Almighty, I humbly worship Thee.
Thou art King of kings and Lord of lords.
Thou art Judge of all the world.

Thou art the Redeemer of souls.
Thou art the Deliverer of believers.
Thou art the Hope of them that labour.
Thou art the Comforter of mourners.
Thou art the Way of them that go astray.
Thou art the Master of nations.
Thou art the Creator of all things.
Thou art the Lover of all good.
Thou art the Prince of all might.
Thou art the Bridegroom of Virgins.
Thou art the Fountain of wisdom.
Thou art the Faith of believers.
Thou art Light of Light.
Thou art the Fountain of holiness.
Thou art most high, in the glory of God the Father.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God the Father.
Reigning on the high throne for ever.
I beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst give me remission of all my sins, O Jesu Christ my God.
Thou Who dost not will that any should perish, but that all should be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth.
Thou Who hast said, with Thy pure and holy mouth, Whensoever the sinner shall turn, he shall surely live, he shall not die.
I return unto Thee.
And with my whole heart I cry unto Thee, O Lord my God.
I make known my debt unto Thee, I will not hide mine unrighteousness.
I humbly confess unto Thee, O Lord, my God,
That I have sinned against heaven and against earth, and before Thee, and before Thy Holy Angels, and in the presence of all Thy Saints,

both by neglecting of Thy commandments, and by the greatness of my misdeeds.
I am defiled in thought, in word, and in deed with all manner of iniquities.
If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?
If Thou shouldst measure Thy judgement
According to the multitude of my trespasses,
If now Thy vengeance should come,
O how could I abide it?
Therefore do I confess unto Thee, O Lord, my God, for Thou Alone art without sin.
And I beseech Thee, O Jesu Christ, God of mercies, by Thy Passion, by Thy blood-shedding, and by the power of Thy Cross, that healthful Tree, to grant unto me remission of all my sins;
Not after my deservings, but after Thy great goodness.
Let Thy judgement of me be a sentence of pardon.
I, a man, adjure Thee Almighty God, that Thou render not unto me the punishment of my sins.
But that Thou stir up Thy enduring fear and love within me, with true repentance for my sins, and weeping for the past, for Thy Holy Name's sake.
And give unto me to remember Thy commandments to do them.
Help me, O Lord, my God: according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences even for ever.
And hide not Thy face from my prayer.
And cast me not away from Thy presence.
Leave me not, nor forsake me.
But stablish me in Thy good pleasure, and teach me to do Thy will,

And when I ought to speak, and when to hold my peace.
Defend me, O Lord, from all mine enemies, visible and invisible.
Defend me, O Lord my God, against the darts of the devil.
And against the Angel of darkness, concerning whom Thou hast said, The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me.
Wherefore quench my sins and my fleshly lusts within me.
O Redeemer of souls, leave me not!
Thy wretched and unworthy servant, but let me walk by Thee, come to Thee, and rest in Thee,
O Lord, my God; for we can do nothing without Thee,
Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the Unity of the Holy Ghost,
Ever One God, world without end. Amen.

THE MANNER OF CELEBRATING

The Holy Liturgy.

COMMONLY CALLED

The Mass.

I. *The Priest having entered the Sacristy washes his hands. Then he places on the chalice the purificator folded, the paten, the small corporas (pall) the silken veil, and the corporas case (burse), with the large corporas folded within.*

II. *Then he vests himself in amice, albe, girdle, stole crossed over the breast, maniple, and chasuble. And while he vests, he says the Hymn following:—*

HYMN. *Veni, Creator Spiritus.*

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire:
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed Unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love:
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face,
With the abundance of Thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
Where Thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of Both, to be but One:
That through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song.

Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

III. *Being vested, he says, with the clerk, the prayers following:—*

℣. When Thou lettest Thy Spirit go forth they shall be made. ℟. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

MOST gracious God, incline Thy merciful ears to our prayers, and enlighten our hearts by the grace of the Holy Ghost; that we may worthily minister at Thy holy mysteries, and love Thee with an everlasting love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANT. I will go unto the Altar of God.
℟. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

PSALM XLIII. *Judica me Deus.*

GIVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

C. For Thou art the God of my strength; why hast Thou put me from Thee: and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

P. O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling.

C. And that I may go unto the Altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and

upon the harp will I give thanks unto Thee, O God, my God.

P. Why art thou so heavy, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

C. O put thy trust in God; for I will yet give Him thanks: which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

P. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

C. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

℣. I will go unto the Altar of God.

℟. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness. Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

IV. *Then taking the chalice by the knob with his right hand, and placing his left on the burse on the top of it, he goes, preceded by the clerk, to the Altar. Having arrived there, he bows towards the Cross, and ascends to the midst of the Altar. Then placing the chalice on the south side, he takes the burse, from which he takes the large corporas, which he spreads in the midst of the Altar, placing the burse on the north side. Then he places the chalice in the midst of the corporas. Then going to the book, he opens it, and sees that the marks are in the right place. Having made another reverence towards the Cross, he descends to the lowest step of the Altar, where standing in the midst, towards the Altar he says,*

℣. And lead us not into temptation. ℟. But deliver us from evil.

℣. O confess unto the Lord, for He is gracious.
℟. For His mercy endureth for ever.

Priest. I confess unto God, before all the company of heaven, and before this congregation, that I have sinned exceedingly, by thought, word, and deed, through my own fault; wherefore I beseech all the company of heaven, and this congregation, to pray for me.

[* *Clerk.* Almighty God, have mercy upon thee, pardon all thy sins, deliver thee from all evil, confirm and strengthen thee in all goodness, and bring thee to everlasting life.

Priest. Amen.

Clerk. I confess unto God, &c., *as above.*]

Priest. The Almighty and merciful God grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, time for true repentance, and amendment of life, with the grace and consolation of the Holy Ghost.

℟. Amen.

℣. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
℟. Who hath made heaven and earth.

℣. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. ℟. Henceforth, world without end.

Let us pray.

Here the Priest ascends to the midst of the Altar, and bowing down with joined hands, he says,

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, to take away from us all our iniquities; that we may be worthy, with pure minds, to enter into Thy most holy place; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* If the Clerk is not instructed to make these responses, that which is enclosed in brackets will be passed over.

Then he kisses the Altar in the midst, and then making the Sign of the Cross, he says,

IN the Name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. *Then going to the north side, the Priest, with joined hands, says, facing the Book,* Our Father, &c. Almighty God, unto Whom, &c. *After which, turning to the people, he says,* God spake, &c., *the clerk answering,* Lord, have mercy, &c. *The clerk then moves the Book to the south side.*

VI. *The Priest, going to the Book, says, with folded hands,* Let us pray. *Then he says the Collects for the Queen, and for the day, with extended hands, folding them at* Through Jesus Christ, &c., *at the end of each Collect, when he turns towards the Cross and bows. The Collects ended, the Priest, placing his hands on the Book, says,* The Epistle is written, &c., *then having read the Epistle, facing east, he says* Here endeth, &c. *The clerk moves the Book to the north side.*

VII. *The Priest going to the midst of the Altar, bows down, with folded hands, and says,*

SEND me, O Lord, Thy benediction. The Lord be in my heart and upon my lips that so I may worthily proclaim the holy Gospel of God. In the Name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then going to the Book, at the north side, he signs the beginning of the Gospel, and his own forehead, lips, and breast, with the thumb of his

right hand, saying, The Holy Gospel ✠ is written, &c. ℟. Glory be to Thee, O Lord. *Then he reads the Gospel, with folded hands, the back of the Book being towards the north-east corner of the chancel. The Gospel ended, the Priest raises the Book with both hands and kisses the beginning of the Gospel.*

VIII. *Then going to the midst of the Altar, the Priest extends his hands, saying,* I believe in One God, *then joining them he recites the rest of the Creed, bowing at the words,* Jesus Christ; And was Incarnate; And was made Man; And was crucified; *and at* The life of the world to come.

IX. *The Priest kisses the Altar in the midst, and then, with joined hands says the Offertory Sentence, facing east. Then he uncovers the chalice, putting the veil on the south side. The clerk brings the breads to the Altar. The Priest arranges one large bread for himself, and sufficient small breads for the people, in the paten, and places it in the midst of the corporas. The clerk brings the cruets of wine and water. The priest wipes the chalice with the purificator, and then pours sufficient wine into it. Then blessing the water, he says, secretly,*

BE this water blessed by the Lord, out of Whose side there came forth Blood and Water. In the Name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then he pours a few drops of water into the chalice, wiping from the inside of the chalice any drops of wine or water that cleave to the sides.

Then placing the paten on the top of the chalice, he raises the latter with both hands, saying secretly,

O HOLY Trinity, accept this Oblation which I an unworthy sinner do offer to the honour of Thy Name, making mention of Blessed Mary and All Saints, for the pardon of my sins and offences, for the salvation of the living, and for the repose of all the faithful departed—In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, be this new Sacrifice acceptable to Almighty God.

Then he replaces the chalice in the midst of the corporas, and taking the paten from the top of it, he places it before the chalice, covering the chalice with the pall. The clerk brings the alms. The Priest taking the alms, presents them with both hands before the Cross, and then places them on the south side of the Altar. The clerk brings the ewer, basin, and towel. Going to the south side of the Altar, the Priest holds his fingers over the basin; the clerk pours water on them, the Priest saying secretly,

CLEANSE me, O Lord, from all defilement of mind and body; that so I may be pure to fulfil the holy work of the Lord.

Having wiped his fingers, the Priest returns to the midst of the Altar, where bowing down, with folded hands, he says secretly,

IN a contrite heart, and an humble spirit, let us be accepted by Thee, O Lord; and so let our sacrifice be in Thy sight, this day, that it

may be accepted by Thee, and be pleasing unto Thee, O Lord my God.

Then he kisses the Altar to the right side of the Oblation, and makes the sign of the Cross, first over the bread and wine, and then on himself, saying, In the Name, &c.

X. *The Priest, turning to the people, extends and then joins his hands, saying,* Let us pray for the whole state, &c. *Then turning again to the Altar, with extended hands, he proceeds with the prayer,* Almighty and everliving, &c. *At the word* Obla✠tions *he makes the sign of the Cross over the bread and wine. At the words* Grant this *he folds his hands.*

XI. *Turning to the people, with folded hands, the Priest recites the Exhortation,* Ye that do truly. *Turning again to the Altar, he stands while the clerk makes the general Confession. This ended, the Priest turns to the people, and, with folded hands, gives the Absolution, making the sign of the Cross over the people with his right hand at,* Pardon ✠ and deliver. *Then, still turning to the people, with folded hands, he says the Comfortable Words.*

XII. *The Priest, raising and expanding his hands, says,** Lift up, &c. ℟ We lift, &c. *Then joining his hands, he says,* Let us give, &c. ℟ It is meet. *With expanded hands, turned to the Altar, he says the Preface. At* Holy, holy, &c., *he joins and raises his hands,*

* Anciently these words were said eastward: our present rubrics might seem to require that they should be said towards the people.

and bows. The clerk rings the sacring bell thrice. Then with hands placed on the Altar, the Priest kneels, and says the prayer, We do not presume, &c.

XIII. *The Priest stands, kisses the Altar on the right side of the corporas, extends his hands, and begins the Prayer of Consecration. At* These Thy ✠ creatures *he makes the sign of the Cross once over the bread and wine together. At* Bre✠ad and wi✠ne, *and* His most blessed Bo✠dy and Blo✠od, *he makes the sign of the Cross first over the bread, and then over the chalice. The Priest then wipes his fingers on the purificator. At* took bread *the Priest takes the paten into his hands, raises it slightly, replaces it, and, taking the large bread for his own communion, holds it between the thumbs and forefingers of both hands over the paten. At* Given ✠ thanks *he raises his eyes to heaven, bows, and then signs the Cross with his right hand over the breads, still holding the large bread with the left. At* Brake it *he breaks a small portion from the lower part of the large bread, and lays it on the paten. Then holding the large bread over the paten with both hands, so that his hands overshadow all the breads on the paten, the Priest bends down, and clearly, distinctly, and in one breath, says the words of Consecration,* THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. *He then makes a profound inclination towards the Consecrated Host, and then raises the large Host with both hands above his head, that It may be seen by the people, saying,* Do this, &c. *Then signing the Cross with It over the paten, he replaces It thereon. After this, the Priest does not disjoin his thumbs*

and forefingers until after the Ablutions, except when signing the Cross. Then lifting the pall from the chalice with his right hand, he continues, Likewise after, &c. *At* took the Cup, *he takes the chalice with both hands and raises it slightly. At* given ✠ thanks, *he bows, and signs the chalice. Then raising the chalice slightly, and bending over it, he says in one breath the words of Consecration,* FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD . . . . . REMISSION OF SINS. *Then raising the chalice at least as high as his breast, he says,* Do this, &c. *Then he replaces the chalice on the corporas, and rubbing his thumbs and forefingers together over it, lest aught of the Sacrament should cleave to them, he covers it with the pall. At each Consecration the clerk rings the sacring bell thrice.*

XIV. *Then with arms extended in the form of a Cross, until the words,* Thine own Gifts, *the Priest says secretly,*

WHEREFORE, O Lord, we Thy servants, Thy holy nation, having in remembrance the ever blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the grave, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of the same Christ, Thy Son, our Lord God, do offer unto Thy divine Majesty of these, Thine own Gifts, bestowed on us, *Here he makes three crosses over the Host and chalice together,* a pu✠re, ho✠ly, and spot✠less Offering, *Here one cross over the Host,* even the Holy ✠ Bread of eternal life, *Here one cross over the chalice,* and the Cup ✠ of everlasting salvation.

With expanded hands the Priest proceeds

Upon which may it please Thee to look with

favourable and gracious countenance, and to accept them as a holy Sacrifice, and a spotless Offering at our hands; even as it pleased Thee to accept Thy righteous servant Abel when he offered gifts unto Thee, and our forefather Abraham, and the high priest Melchisedech, when they offered sacrifice. *Then, bowing down, with his hands crossed on his breast the Priest continues,* We humbly beseech Thee, Almighty God to command these our supplications and prayers to be carried by the hands of Thy holy Angel, to Thine Altar on high, before the sight of Thy divine Majesty, so that whosoever *Here he places his hands on the corporas and kisses the Altar, on the same, to the right of the Sacrifice* by partaking at this Altar, shall receive *Here he crosses the Host* the most holy Bo✠dy *Here he crosses the chalice* and Blo✠od of Thy Son *Here he crosses himself* may be fulfilled with all grace and heavenly bene✠diction; through the same Christ our Lord.

Be mindful, also, O Lord, of the souls of Thy servants and handmaidens N. and N. who are gone hence before us, with the sign of faith, and now do rest in the sleep of peace; we beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant unto them, and unto all who rest in Christ, a place of refreshment, of light, and of peace; through the same Christ our Lord.

Here he smites his breast once, and says,

And although we be unworthy sinners, yet forasmuch as we do put our trust only in the multitude of Thy mercies, may it please Thee to grant unto us, also, some part and fellowship with Thy

holy Apostles and Martyrs, and with all Thy Saints, into whose company we beseech Thee to admit us, not weighing our merits; but pardoning our offences; through Christ our Lord. *Here the Priest uncovers the chalice, and taking the large Host in his right hand, he five times signs the chalice with the Host, saying,* by Wh✠om, and with Wh✠om and in Wh✠om, in the unity of the Holy ✠ Ghost, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O Father ✠ Almighty, *Here he breaks the large Host in two, replaces it on the paten, and covers the chalice, saying,* world without end. Amen.

XV. *Then with folded hands, placed on the corporas, and humbly bowing down, the Priest shall say secretly these prayers following,*

O LAMB of God, That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

At service for the dead instead of Have mercy, &c., *shall be said thrice,* Grant them rest, *with this addition at the third repetition,* everlasting.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles—Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; regard not my sins but the faith of Thy Church, and vouchsafe to grant unto her peace and unity according to Thine own will; Who livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen.*

* Hereford Missal.

The Priest says the following prayers privately; holding the Host in both hands.

O GOD the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, Who, led by mercy, didst will that Thine Only-Begotten shouldest come down to this lower world, and shouldest take Flesh, which Flesh, I, although unworthy, hold here in mine hands. [*Then the Priest bows down towards the Host, saying*] I worship Thee, I glorify Thee, and with the whole desire of my mind and heart I praise Thee, and beseech Thee not to leave us, Thy servants, but forgive us our sins, so that we may be worthy to serve Thee, the only Living and True God, with pure heart and chaste body. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Son of the Living God, Who, according to the will of the Father, and by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast quickened the world by Thy death; deliver me, I beseech Thee, by this Thy Most Holy Body and by this Thy Blood from all mine iniquities and from every evil; make me ever to obey Thy commandments, and never let me be separated from Thee for ever, O Saviour of the world, Who livest and reignest with God the Father, and with the same Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

LET not the Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, O Lord Jesu Christ, which I, although unworthy, do now receive, be unto me for judgement and condemnation; but through Thy loving kindness let it set forward the salvation of my body and soul. Amen.

Then the Priest, with humility, says, secretly,

HAIL to all eternity; Thou most holy Flesh of Christ, my chiefest Sweetness above all things, and beyond all things. The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, be to me, a sinner, the Way and the Life.

Then taking the three parts of the large Host with his right hand, he receives the Same, making the sign of the Cross Therewith over his mouth, and saying,

In the Na✠me of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then bowing down towards the chalice, he says secretly, with folded hands,

HAIL to all eternity, Thou heavenly Drink, my chiefest Sweetness above all things, and beyond all things. The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ profit me, a sinner, for everlasting healing unto eternal life. Amen.

Then taking the chalice with his right hand, he signs himself Therewith, saying, In the Na✠me, &c. *And then receives Thereof. The Priest replaces the chalice, covers it with the pall, bows down, with folded hands, and says,*

I GIVE thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God, Who hast refreshed me with the most holy Body and Blood of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; and I pray that this Sacrament of our Redemption, which I, an unworthy sinner have received, may not, for my deservings, become unto me judgement nor condemnation, but may be the perfecting both of

my soul and body, even unto everlasting life. Amen.

XVI. *Then the Priest taking one Host into the thumb and forefinger of his right hand, and holding It over the paten (which he holds in his left hand) he turns to the people. When those who are to communicate are conveniently placed at the communion rail, the Priest begins at the south side to deliver to them the Sacrament of the Body, making the sign of the Cross with the Host before he communicates each person, while he says,* The Bo✠dy of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. *Afterwards, he communicates them from the chalice, having first placed the paten on the Altar, and covered it with the pall. At the words,* The Blo✠od of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c., *be signs each communicant with the chalice. All having communicated, the Priest cleanses the brim of the chalice with his mouth, and places the paten on the top of the chalice, covering both with the pall.*

NOTE. *If the Ablutions are here received, refer to* Section XVIII.

XVII. *The Priest with extended hands, standing in the midst of the Altar, recites the Lord's Prayer, joining his hands at* For Thine is the kingdom. *The clerk moves the Book to the south side of the Altar. The Priest, having gone to the south side, recites one or other of the* Post-Communion Prayers, *with extended hands, joining them at* Through Jesus Christ, &c. *Then going to the midst of the Altar, he says, expanding and then joining his hands,* Glory be to

God on high, *and returning to the south side, recites the rest of the hymn at the Book, bowing at the words,* Jesu Christ; We worship Thee; *and* Receive our prayer. *This ended, he returns to the midst of the Altar, and bowing down, says secretly, with folded hands,*

LET the homage I have offered unto Thee in this my service, be pleasing unto Thee, O Holy Trinity, and grant that this sacrifice which I, unworthy, have presented before the eyes of Thy Majesty, may be acceptable unto Thee, and may obtain favour, through Thy loving kindness, for myself and for all for whom I have offered it; Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

Then raising himself he says aloud facing the Cross, The Peace of God, &c., *turning round to the people, and signing over them at,* The Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

XVIII. *Uncovering the paten, the Priest carefully receives all that remains of the Sacrament of the Body, removing with his thumb and forefinger all crumbs into the chalice. Then taking the chalice, he receives together the crumbs from the paten, and all that remains of the Sacrament of the Blood. The clerk brings the wine and water cruets to the Altar. The Priest going to the south side holds out the chalice with his right hand, the clerk pours a little wine into it, the Priest rinses the chalice with it, and receives it saying secretly,*

GRANT, O Lord, that what we have received with our mouth, we may keep with a pure

mind, and so may Thy Body and Blood become our everlasting healing.

Then holding the bowl of the chalice with both hands, so that the thumbs and forefingers of both hands meet over the bowl of the chalice, he holds the chalice to the clerk, who pours over his thumbs and forefingers into the chalice, first a few drops of wine and then a sufficient quantity of water. The Priest rinses the chalice with this wine and water, and then receives the same, saying secretly,

LET this Holy Communion, O Lord, cleanse us from sin, and make us partakers of Thy heavenly healing.

Then, having wiped the chalice with the purificator, the Priest covers it with purificator, paten, pall, silk veil; then folding the corporas, and placing it in the burse, he puts it on the top of the chalice, which he places thus covered in the midst of the Altar; this done he bows down, and says secretly, with folded hands,

LET us venerate the sign of the Cross, whereon was accomplished the mystery of our redemption.

XIX. *Taking the covered chalice with his right hand, and placing his left on the top of it, the Priest makes a reverence towards the Cross, and departs from the Altar saying secretly,*

ST. JOHN i. 1.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Same was in the beginning with God. All things

were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. And the Light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light Which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. *Here bow.* AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us; and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Thanksgiving after Celebration.

ANT. Let us sing the hymn of the three children.

SONG OF THREE CHILDREN. *Benedicite sacerdotes.*

O YE priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord : O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord : praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

Let us bless the Father and the Son, with the Holy Ghost : let us praise and magnify Him for ever.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven : and to be praised, and glorious, and exalted above all for ever.

PSALM CL. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE God in His holiness : praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him in His noble acts : praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet : praise Him upon the lute and harp.

Praise Him in the cymbals and dances : praise Him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

Let everything that hath breath : praise the Lord. Glory.

SONG OF SIMEON. *Nunc Dimittis.*

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace : according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : Thy salvation.

Which Thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory.

ANT. Let us sing the hymn of the three children; which, as they blessed the Lord, they sang in the burning fiery furnace. *In Eastertide.* Alleluia.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father. ℣. And lead us not into temptation. ℟. But deliver us from evil.

℣. Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. ℟. Let us praise and magnify Him for ever.

℣. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven. ℟. And worthy to be praised, and glorious for ever.

℣. The Holy Trinity bless us, and keep us. ℟. Amen.

℣. Enter not into judgement with Thy servant, O Lord. ℟. For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

℣. Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts. ℟. Show the light of Thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer. ℟. And let my crying come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst not suffer the flames of fire to harm the three children, mercifully grant that the flames of evil desire may not kindle upon us, Thy servants.

KINDLE, O Lord, our veins, and our hearts with the fire of the Holy Ghost; that we may serve Thee with clean bodies, and please Thee with pure hearts.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. Amen.

Prayers after Celebration.

I.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Preserver of souls and Redeemer of the world, most pitifully look upon me Thy servant prostrate before Thy Majesty; and graciously behold this Sacrifice which, in honour of Thy Name, I have offered for the salvation of the faithful, both quick and dead, and also for our sins and offences. Remove Thine anger far from me, grant me Thy grace and mercy; open unto me the door of Paradise, and mightily deliver me from all evils; whatever guilt I have in mine own person incurred do Thou forgive; and make me so to continue in Thy commandments in this world that I may be found worthy to be joined to the flock of Thine elect. Grant this, O my God, Whose Name is blessed, and Whose honour and dominion endure for ever and ever. Amen.

II.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Jesu Christ our Lord, be merciful unto my sins, through the Holy Communion of Thy Body and Blood; for Thou hast spoken, saying, "Whoso eateth My Flesh, and drinketh My Blood, dwelleth in Me and I in him." Wherefore I humbly beseech Thee to make me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me; vouchsafe to stablish me with Thy free Spirit, to deliver me from all the snares of the Devil, and from all vices; that I may be found worthy to have a share in heavenly joys; Who livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen.

III.

I GIVE thanks unto Thee, Lord God, Almighty Father, that Thou hast vouchsafed to satisfy me with the Body and Blood of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. I beseech Thy boundless goodness, Almighty and merciful God, that this Holy Communion may not be unto me to judgement or condemnation, but for an increase of faith, and for a shield of Thy favour, whereby my mind may be delivered from all the deceits of the enemy, from the plague of pride, the lust of appetite, and from perversity of tongue, that I may enter in unto that banquet where Thou art the true Light and the perpetual Joy of righteous souls. I pray also, O Lord, that this Holy Communion may be unto me my guide, and viaticum to the haven of eternal salvation.

Let it bring unto me consolation in trouble of mind; exceeding delight in every good purpose; patience in tribulation and difficulties; medicine in sickness. By these most sacred Mysteries which I have received, grant unto me right faith, steadfast hope, and perfect charity; renunciation of the world, a pure desire, contentment of mind, and ardent love to Thee. In memory of, and hearty fellowship with, the Passion of Thy beloved Son, fulfil my life with virtue to Thy praise, and with faith unfeigned; and in the hour of my departure let me receive the grace of so great a Mystery with true faith, firm hope, and sincere charity, that I may behold Thee for ever. Amen.

IV.

I RENDER thanks to Thee, O most sweet Lord Jesu Christ, true Light, Health of believers, Comfort of the sorrowful, Hope of all men, Joy of angels, that Thou hast vouchsafed this day to feed me Thy servant, a miserable and great sinner, with Thy most sacred Body and Blood. Wherefore I, wretched man that I am! full of numberless offences, with tears and prayers implore Thy most tender mercy and supreme clemency, that this most sweet refreshment, this most excellent and incomprehensible Communion, may not turn to the condemnation of my soul, but let it aid me in driving away all the fraud and wicked snares of the Devil, so that none of his iniquities may ever have dominion over my heart, body, soul, or senses; but let Thy gracious

favour bring me to the heavenly banquet of the angels, where Thou dost dwell, Who art True Blessedness, Light unclouded, everlasting Joy. Amen.

V.

I GIVE thanks unto Thee, O Lord Jesu Christ, for that Thou hast raised me, an unclean and unworthy sinner, to the dignity of the priesthood, and for that Thou hast this day, of Thy bountiful goodness, and for no merit of mine, vouchsafed unto me the grace of consecrating and receiving Thy most holy Body and Blood; grant, I beseech Thee, of Thy most tender mercy and unspeakable goodness, and for the sake of Thy most holy Cross and Passion, that this wonderful Sacrament which I, unworthy sinner, have received, may not be unto me guilt unto punishment, but a saving intercession for my forgiveness and salvation; and whatever I have done amiss this day at Thy Holy Altar by evil, unlawful, and unclean thoughts; by want of reverence, in gesture, or in act or by negligence, by vain repetition of words, or distraction of mind. or in any other manner whatsoever, I implore Thy most holy goodness mercifully to vouchsafe to pardon, and grant me entire absolution from these and all my sins; Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

VI.

ALMIGHTY, everliving, and most merciful God, Who didst come to save sinners, I

pray Thee by the most sweet Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, the mystery which I although unworthy have received, to grant me forgiveness and remission of all my sins, both now and hereafter; that I may truly repent, persevere in good works, know Thee with my whole heart, do all such things as are pleasing to Thee with perfect love, meditate upon Thee with pure mind, and after this life never be separated from Thee; Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

VII.

O LORD God, Father Almighty, Who hast promised rewards to the righteous and pardon to the penitent, Who wouldest not the death of a sinner, neither hast pleasure in the destruction of any that die, I humbly entreat Thee, for the sake of the most Holy Mary, Mother of God, and of all Thy elect Saints, and of Thine own mercy, grant unto me Thy servant, remission of all my sins, and bring me to that repentance whereby Thou didst save David, which Thou didst excite in Peter when he wept at Thy look, and which brought Mary Magdalene to Thee for cleansing. O Lord Jesu Christ cast out of my heart all things which offend Thee; and pour into me such love that I may be enabled perfectly to love and fear Thee, and neither to think nor desire anything save that which I know to be pleasing unto Thee, O Lord. Let Thy most Blessed Mother, and all Thy Saints and Angels be mindful of me in their

prayers, intercessions, and thankgivings, that Thy mercy may defend me now, at the hour of death, and in the day of judgement. I commend unto Thee, most loving Jesu Christ, all who love or care for me, all who give me kindly aid, all who are indebted to me, or who are of my kin. And also, I beseech Thee, for mine enemies, that Thou wouldest turn them unto peace, and bring them to true repentance. I entreat Thee, O Lord Jesu Christ, mercifully to remember all who are mindful of me, and who have commended themselves to my unworthy prayers, and who have done me any charity or kindness; as well as all who are joined to me by kindred, friendship, or the bonds of faith, whether they be still in the body or have departed this life; and visit them, that they, faithfully serving Thee, may be defended from all adversities; grant unto them and me deliverance from all punishment, and bring us to everlasting rest. And this I earnestly implore, that whenever the day of my death shall come, Thou Thyself, Who givest judgement against the accuser, wilt become my Defender, Who art blessed for ever and ever. Amen.

VIII.

O GOD of compassion and Truth, I humbly entreat Thee, in Thy mercy to grant unto me, most wretched, the pardon of my numberless sins, whereby I have provoked Thy great anger; that, through Thy pity, I may be cleansed according to Thy will in this life, and attain unto a part and lot in everlasting felicity. Unto all the

faithful also, whether in the body or out of the body, who are united to me in the bonds of the spirit or the flesh, and who in confession, or by request, have commended themselves to me; to all those also whose money and alms I have received, or who have received hurt through my malice or negligence, stretch forth the hand of Thy compassion, and of Thy unspeakable bounty, grant them that pardon of their sins which they desire, and bring them to the repose of the blessed. Amen.

The Priest's Daily Examination of Conscience.

From the Horæ Sacræ Vitæ Sacerdotalis.

HOW many are mine iniquities and my sins? Make me to know my trangression and my sin, O Lord.

Consider:

Whence comest thou?
Whither goest thou?
How dost thou live?
What dost thou do or allow?
How much hast thou gained or lost to-day?
What thoughts have chiefly occupied thee?
What desires have moved thee?
What temptations of the devil hast thou resisted?

Ask thyself:

Hast thou to-day fulfilled all thy priestly offices?

Hast thou neglected religious reading?

Hast thou prepared thyself for preaching or catechising?

Hast thou officiated merely for the sake of the fees?

Hast thou gone straight from bed to the Altar without preparation?

Hast thou received or administered any Sacrament with deadly sin on thy soul?

Hast thou duly said the offices of Matins and Evensong? If thou hast omitted them, hath it been for an "urgent cause"?

Hast thou prayed for the souls committed to thy care?

Hast thou carefully fulfilled the office of confessor, preacher, or catechist, if required to do so?

Hast thou indulged in luxuries procured with ecclesiastical revenues? Remember the maxim "The goods of the Church are the patrimony of the poor."

Hast thou given scandal by indulging in unbecoming amusements, or by unrestrained and gossiping speech, or by quarrelling with superiors or inferiors?

Art thou ready, if this night the Lord should suddenly require thy soul of thee, to give a good account of thy stewardship?

Behold, O Lord God, what reward do I give unto Thee for all the benefits that Thou hast done unto me, but sins, negligences, and ingratitude!

Forgive me, O my God, forgive me, for the sake of the sighs, tears, passion, and death of Thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Behold, O my Jesus, in Thee is all my hope! I humbly pray Thee blot out all my sins and offences in Thy most holy blood, and supply all that is wanting in my repentance, for Thou art the Propitiation for my sins. Amen.

The Priest's Act of Spiritual Communion

WHEN DEBARRED FROM CELEBRATING.

Partly from the "Paradise of the Christian Soul."

O LORD Jesu Christ, Great High Priest, although I may not this day draw near to Thy holy Altar, to consecrate, to offer, and to receive the most blessed Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, yet in heart and spirit I unite myself with all faithful devout priests, who shall offer, or who have offered, to Thee this day the Sacrifice of praise, and with all Thy faithful people who shall receive, or who have received, the Sacrament of Redemption at their hands; and I say with the centurion whose servant Thou didst heal when absent, Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and Thy servant shall be healed. Enter, I pray Thee, into my soul,

cleanse it from all its evils and imperfections, and adorn it with all virtues and excellencies; feed it with Thy Body and Blood, that as even a dog may eat of the crumbs that fall from his master's table, so my soul may have some share in the richness and fulness of Thine Altar. Amen.

The Priest's Prayer for Himself.

From the Manuale Ordinandorum.

O LORD Jesu, Apostle and High Priest of our profession, ever living to make intercession for us, Who when I was little in mine own eyes, didst take me from among men, and ordain me for men in things pertaining to God, that I might offer both Gifts and Sacrifices for sins, and that I might have compassion on the ignorant and on them that are out of the way; I beseech Thee, cleanse my conscience, by Thy Blood, from dead works, that I may serve the living God, and sanctify me through the truth, that my sacrifice may be consumed and hallowed by fire from heaven, and that being crucified with Thee, I may myself be offered with the sacrifice. Grant that as a good steward of the manifold grace of God, administering it to Thy members, I may spend and be spent for the souls of my brethren, Thy servants; that glorifying Thee upon the earth, and finishing the work Thou hast given me to do, where Thou art, there I may be also,

that I may behold the glory which Thy Father gave Thee before the foundation of the world; Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

The Pastor's Prayer for Himself.

From the same.

MOST merciful Lord Jesu Christ, High Priest for ever, Who hast vouchsafed to call me, Thine unworthy servant, who know not how to go out, or how to come in, to do the work of an apostle, to feed the sheep of Thy fold with the food of wholesome doctrine, and to have pre-eminence in Thy Church which Thou hast purchased with Thy precious Blood; I fear and tremble from the bottom of my heart when I consider what I am, and what the burden which Thou hast laid on my weak shoulders doth demand. For mine own single soul I can hardly render account, how then shall I account for all this flock? Wretched man that I am! Whither shall I turn if it so happen that I carelessly keep so great a treasure, that precious thing committed unto me, which Thou hast purchased with Thine own Blood? I beseech Thee therefore, O Chief Shepherd, O Bishop of our souls, Who art not wont to call any man to any office without giving him grace to fulfil the same, graft me a most unworthy branch, into Thyself the true Vine, that I

may bear abundant fruit. Grant me such a spirit that I may love Thy sheep from mine inmost heart, nor treat them otherwise than as a mother doth treat her children; let none be weak, and I not weak with him; let none be offended, and I burn not; freely let me spend and be spent for their souls. Help me, Lord, to make strong the weak, to heal the sick, to bind up the broken, to bring back the castaway, to seek that which is lost, to keep those that are committed unto me, that not one of them may perish. Grant that they may so love me, so obey me, that their service may be reasonable, and that they may walk in ways worthy of their Christian calling; so that I going before them by word and example, and they following me, we may together hasten unto Thee, the true Shepherd of our souls, Who wilt place us in Thine own green pastures, where Thou livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

Memorial of Ordination.

From the Paris Missal.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, graciously accept my humble prayers and thanksgiving; and as Thou hast called me Thy servant, for no merit of mine own, but only of Thine undeserved mercy, to serve at Thy holy Mysteries, make me a worthy minister of Thine Altar, that

what my voice shall utter may be confirmed by Thy sanctifying power.

Favourably regard me Thy servant whom Thou hast advanced to the priesthood, and that my service may please Thee, mercifully preserve Thy gifts in me.

And as Thou hast willed that I, a sinner, should stand at Thy sacred Altar, to praise and magnify Thy holy Name, mercifully grant that often and duly frequenting Thy Mysteries I may have a clean heart and a renewed spirit, that so I may worthily serve before Thy divine Majesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary of the Institution.

From the same.

O GOD, Who not for my merits, but only of Thy grace, hast set me over Thy family; grant me worthily to fulfil my priestly office, and by Thy protection in all things to rule aright the people committed to my care.

Favourably preserve the gifts Thy grace hath bestowed upon me; and so direct the hearts of people and priest, that the people may not fail in obedience to their pastor, nor the pastor in his care for them.

Grant by the grace of Thy Holy Sacrament, that we may both do the things which are right, and preach that which is true; that both by deed and doctrine we may be examples to believers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

think on heavenly things, and may serve before Thee in works meet for repentance, in the spirit of poverty, and in humbleness of mind.

Hallow by those Holy Mysteries which are daily offered on Thine Altar, Thy servants whom Thou hast gathered apart from the world; that they may faithfully pay their vows unto Thee, and serve Thy Majesty with sincere heart.

And grant that Thy servants, gathered together in Thy Name, and partaking together of the One Bread, may consider one another to provoke unto love, and to good works, that by their holy conversation a good savour of Christ may be spread abroad in every place; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Religious Women.

From the same.

O GOD Who dost inhabit and defend pure hearts, grant unto Christian virgins that they may understand the excellence of virginity, and love what they understand, and faithfully preserve what they love; that going to meet the Bridegroom with burning lamps, they may be suffered to go in to the heavenly wedding.

Grant that the Sacrifice of the Lamb without spot, which is daily presented in Thy Church, may give unto Thy spouses strength to walk in high places, with humble footsteps; that wholly

denying themselves, they may in union with Christ, become a sacrifice to Thy divine Majesty.

Let the Sacrament of Thy quickening Flesh give unto Thine handmaidens constant perseverence in their holy purpose, amid all the uncertanties of human weakness; and as Thou hast already given unto them a good will, so by Thee may that which they do come to a happy ending; Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

Before Administering Baptism.

From the Horæ Sacræ.

ALMIGHTY and merciful Father, Who didst send Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, into the world to save and redeem all men, behold now a child of Adam waiteth by the healing Fountain of Baptism, and I, Thine unworthy servant, am called to pour Thy heavenly graces upon *him*. Grant me, therefore, O Giver of Grace, to fulfil this sacred office with such devotion that my service may be accepted of Thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After Administering Baptism.

From the same.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, Who by the sacred waters of Baptism hast saved, and

adopted a new son [*or* daughter] into the number of Thy children, mercifully grant that the grace which hath been now poured upon *him* may ever rest and remain on *him*, grant *him* to grow up before Thee, and ever to be pleasing in Thy sight; and if Thou call *him* forth from this life, let *him* appear innocent, even as now, before Thee and ever rejoice in Thy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before Hearing Confessions.

From the same.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, Who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hast ordained Thy priests that after the example of the Good Shepherd they may seek the lost sheep, and may rescue shipwrecked sinners from the stormy sea of their iniquities; graciously send to the sinners to whom I am about to minister, true repentance; and to me, understanding that I may know clearly what I ought to do, prudence that I may judge wisely, love that I may win souls, gentleness that I may heal wounds, and so let me be as a father to the Prodigal Son, and as the good Samaritan to the soul fallen among thieves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After Hearing Confessions.

From the Preces Gertrudianæ.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, accept this my ministry and service, with that exceeding great love wherewith Thou didst absolve Blessed Mary Magdalene, and all sinners who fled unto Thee. And whatsoever I have done carelessly or unworthily in the exercise of my ministry, do Thou be pleased to supply and to make satisfaction for Thyself. I commend to Thy most gracious Heart all and each who have confessed unto me, beseeching Thee to keep them, to preserve them from backsliding, and after the miseries of this life to lead them to everlasting gladness with Thee. Amen.

Before any Ministration.

From the Pastorale Parisiense.

COME, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of believers, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

℣. When Thou lettest Thy Spirit go forth they shall be made. ℟. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

ASSIST us, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and since I chiefly need Thy grace, favourably hear me; and because not for

my merits (for I have none), but of Thy grace Thou hast conferred this ministry upon me, graciously vouchsafe both to give me faithfulness in exercising the gift committed to me, and also do Thou Thyself work through the ministry which Thy mercy hath ordained; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After any Ministration.

From the same.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, Who hast vouchsafed to assist me, Thine unworthy servant, in executing the sacred ministry; regard not my sins, but the faith of Thy Church; and grant that Thy grace may inwardly perfect in Thy servant, that which hath been done in outward deed; and if ought hath been wanting, through human infirmity, do Thou grant that Thy mercy may supply the same; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before Parochial Visitation.

From the Horæ Sacræ.

O LORD and Saviour, Who didst go about the world doing good, comforting, and instructing; and Who hast commanded us to rejoice with them that do rejoice, and to weep with

them that weep; behold I, in obedience to Thy will, am about to visit certain of the sick and the whole of Thy people committed to my charge. Regard not, O merciful God, my sins, but the office Thou hast committed to me, and plentifully adorn me with Thy grace that I may instruct the ignorant, comfort the sorrowful, confirm the sick in faith, hope and charity, that their sickness may advance their salvation, and bring back the wandering from the error of their ways to Thy service; grant this for Thy mercy's sake. Amen.

After Parochial Visitation.

From the same.

O FATHER of mercies, and Giver of all good things, grant that Thy servants from whom I have now parted, may not be left by Thee, but instruct, comfort, heal, and restore them by the inward visitation of Thy Holy Spirit. Forgive whatever I have done amiss through lukewarmness or stupidity, and increase whatever hath been well done. Suffer not that any die in their sins, but that all may be converted and live. Grant that in all things they may rejoice to submit to Thy holy will, whether life or death, sorrow or joy, wealth or poverty, sickness or health, be appointed for them. And after our time on earth is fulfilled do Thou grant to priest and people a place in Thine eternal kingdom; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Before Study.

St. Thomas Aquinas.

O INCOMPREHENSIBLE Creator, my Lord and my God, Who in unsearchable wisdom hast formed the choirs of angels, and set them on high above the heavens in a wonderful order, and hast most excellently fashioned and knit together all the parts of the universe; do Thou Who art the true Fountain, and first Beginning of light and wisdom, deign to shed the brightness of Thy light upon the darkness of mine understanding, and thus scatter the double shadow of sin and ignorance wherein I was born. O Thou Who out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings dost ordain strength, instruct my tongue, and pour forth on my lips the grace of Thy blessing. Grant me quickness in understanding what I read, power to retain it in memory, subtilty to discern its true meaning, readiness in learning, clearness and ease in expressing myself. Do Thou order my beginning, direct and further my progress, perfect and bless my ending; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After Study.

LET what I have understood aright abide in my memory, O Lord, and what I have learned amiss escape from it; that knowing Thy doctrine I may keep Thy commandments, and

teach men so, and thus may have a portion in Thine eternal kingdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before Preaching.

From the Horæ Sacræ.

THUS saith the Lord, "Woe unto thee, if thou preach not the gospel! Cry aloud, and spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew My people their transgressions and their sins Call all men to repent. Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded them. If thou warn not the wicked and he perish, his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not, he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul."

I hear, O Lord, what ministry is committed unto me, and I am afraid. Unless Thou give the increase, in vain shall I plant or water. Fill my heart with Thy words, that out of the abundance of my heart my mouth may speak. Keep me from vain-glory if my sermon seems to proceed successfully, let me not be too much cast down if it seems to fail. Suffer me not to be discouraged if small fruit seems to follow from my preaching, were I to save but one soul by a hundred sermons, let me be content when I remember the value of the Blood which was shed for that soul. Unwearied I will labour, ever looking for greater

success from Thy goodness. So now I will ascend the pulpit, and let down the net. In the Name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

After Preaching.

From the same.

THUS saith the Lord, "When ye shall have done all things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do. Many will say to Me, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? and in Thy Name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you."

How many preachers, O Lord, more gifted than I, now suffer in hell. And why? Chiefly because puffed up with pride, they were not thankful to Thee for Thy divine gifts, but claimed them as their own. Remembering this I am afraid, and out of the deep I cry unto Thee, O Lord, merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me, and grant that having preached to others I myself may not be a castaway. Let Thy word which I have now preached profit those that have heard it, being mixed with faith in their hearts. Hear O Lord, and answer me, for Thy mercy's sake. Amen.

Before Catechising.

From the same.

O GRACIOUS Lord Jesu, fill me with charity, humility, and kindness, that I may rightly sow the seed of Thy fear and love in the hearts of Thy children, and water it with the dew of constant exhortation. Let me not be ashamed to be as a little one in the midst of them, and as a nurse that cherisheth her children, even as Thou wast not ashamed to become a Man among men, that Thou mightest redeem them. Do Thou, therefore, most kind and merciful God, give me Thy grace, that with love and carefulness I may instruct Thy children, and direct them to Thee, Who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

After Catechising.

PUT Thy laws into the minds of these Thy children, O Lord, and write them in their hearts; be to them a God, let them be Thy sons and daughters; let them all know Thee from the least to the greatest; be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities remember Thou no more, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

The Itinerary.

Psalm XCI. *Qui habitat.*

See page 19.

Psalm CXXIII. *Ad Te levavi oculos meos*

UNTO Thee I lift up mine eyes: O Thou That dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress: even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God until He have mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we are utterly despised.

Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy: and with the despitefulness of the proud. Glory.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father. ℣. And lead us not into temptation. ℟. But deliver us from evil.

℣. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me, ℟. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

℣. Shew me Thy ways, O Lord. ℟. And teach me Thy paths.

℣. Order our steps, O God, in Thy word. ℟. And so shall no wickedness have dominion over us.

℣. O that our ways were made so direct. ℟. That we might keep Thy statutes.

℣. Hold thou up our goings in Thy paths. ℟. That our footsteps slip not.

℣. Blessed be the Lord our God, He make our journey prosperous. ℟. He is the God of our salvation.

℣. Let the Angel of the Lord go with us. ℟. And order our journey aright, and bring us joyfully to our home again.

℣. Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way. ℟. And walk in the law of the Lord.

℣. O Lord, arise, help us. ℟. And deliver us, for Thy Name's sake.

℣. Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts. ℟. Shew the light of Thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

℣. Lord, hear. ℟. And let.

Let us pray.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this journey, and of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help.

O GOD Who leadest to eternal life, and Who dost keep them that trust in Thy fatherly protection; we beseech Thee to give unto Thy servants, who are now going forth on a journey, Thy holy Angel as their companion, that, defended by Thy help, danger may not make them afraid, nor weariness oppress them, nor any enemy do them violence; so that having prosperously spent the time of their journey, and having safely returned home again, they may all be found in health and safety, and may joyfully render the thanks they owe to Thy Holy Name.

O GOD Who dost ever pour forth Thy mercy upon them that love Thee, and Who in no land art far from them that serve Thee; direct

the desires of Thy servants according to Thy will, that Thou being their Ruler and Guide, they may walk without stumbling in the paths of righteousness; through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Litany for a Parish.

LORD, have mercy upon us: *Christ, have mercy upon us.* Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us. *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father of Heaven,
Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.
O God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.
O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, Three Persons and one God,
Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Be favourable: *Spare us, good Lord.*
Be favourable: *Hear us, good Lord.*

O Jesu, Shepherd and Bishop of souls Who hast been pleased to send labourers into this part of Thy vineyard,
Have mercy upon us.

From all sin and evil,
From pride and self-pleasing,
From unbelief and distrust,
From the spirit of heresy aud schism,
From the spirit of disobedience,
From weariness in well-doing,
From sloth and discontent,
From doing Thy work negligently,
From impurity of body and mind,
From envy and jealousy,
From irreverence in Thy holy service,
From neglect of Thy Sacraments,
From the persecution of men,
From the crafts and assaults of the devil,
In all temporal and spiritual distress,
By the Mystery of Thy Holy Incarnation,
By Thy Fasting and Temptation,
By Thy holy conversation and labours,
By Thy toils and weariness,
By Thy Passion and Death,
By Thy Resurrection and Ascension,
By the grace of the Holy Ghost,
In the day of Judgement,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Saviour of the world, and that it may please Thee to guide and govern the Church of this land in the right way,
That it may please Thee to endue the Bishop of this Diocese with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost,
That it may please Thee to bless the Pastor of this place, and all who labour with him, and to hallow them for Thy work,
That it may please Thee to bless the com-

We beseech Thee to hear us.

municants, and to grant that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Thee,
That it may please Thee to give to them the spirit of brotherly love,
That it may please Thee to help and succour them in all temporal or spiritual trouble,
That it may please Thee to bring them to frequent and worthy receptions of Thy Holy Sacrament,
That it may please Thee to give them true repentance,
That it may please Thee to restore all who have fallen from the Faith,
That it may please Thee to convert wholly to Thy truth those who are almost persuaded,
That it may please Thee to enlighten the ignorance of those who oppose themselves,
That it may please Thee to arouse the indifferent, to soften the hardened, to give courage to the cowardly,
That it may please Thee to comfort the sick and dying,
That it may please Thee specially to bless our Schools and to grant that they may bring up sons and daughters for Thy Church,
That it may please Thee to prosper all our endeavours for Thy honour and glory,
That it may please Thee to inspire us to know Thy will, and to give us a will and strength to perform the same,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That it may please Thee to supply all our temporal needs,
That it may please Thee to reward our benefactors who are yet alive with spiritual and temporal blessings,
That it may please Thee to give eternal rest and peace to all our benefactors departed this life in Thy faith and fear,
That it may please Thee to grant that Thy holy will may be entirely done in us, by us, and through us,
Son of God, and Saviour of the world,
We beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world: *Send us Thy grace,*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world: *Pour upon us the Holy Ghost.*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world: *Have mercy upon us, and give us peace.*
O Christ, hear us: *O Christ, graciously hear us.*
Lord, have mercy upon us: *Christ have mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

℣. And lead. ℟. But deliver.
℣. Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O Lord. ℟. O prosper Thou our handiwork.
℣. Lord hear. ℟. And let.
℣. The Lord be. ℟. And with.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Whose judgements are righteous, and Whose ways are unsearchable; and Who in the midst of wrath

dost yet remember mercy, forgive us, we beseech Thee, our sins; grant us entire submission to Thy Holy Will in all things; suffer us not to fall away from Thee, but keep us from all sin, and adorn our lives with solid piety, that others seeing our good works may glorify Thee our Heavenly Father.

O GOD, by Whose mercy the world doth subsist, and to Whose power every people on the earth is subject, have mercy upon this Church, (and upon all others connected with us by the ties of holy Brotherhood,) and according to our necessities, which are all known to Thee, so pour forth Thy blessings upon us, that by the help of Thy grace, we may be in all things well pleasing in Thy sight.

HEAR Thy servants we meekly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, who pray for this Church and flock. Assist us in these our supplications and prayers; and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation, that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Litany in Honour of Jesus Christ, Priest and Sacrifice.

From the Manuale Ordinandorum.

LORD, have mercy upon us. *Christ, have mercy upon us.* Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us. *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father of heaven,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, One God,
Jesus, Priest for ever,
Jesus, called of God, an High Priest after the order of Melchisedech,
Jesus, High Priest, Whom God anointed with the Holy Ghost and with power,
Jesus, great High Priest,
Jesus, High Priest taken from among men,
Jesus, High Priest ordained for men,
Jesus, High Priest of our profession,
Jesus, High Priest of more glory than Moses,
Jesus, High Priest of the true tabernacle,
Jesus, High Priest of good things to come,
Jesus, High Priest, holy, harmless, undefiled,
Jesus, faithful High Priest,
Jesus, merciful High Priest,
Jesus, good High Priest,
Jesus, High Priest burning with zeal for God and for souls,
Jesus, High Priest perfected for evermore,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, High Priest, Who hast passed into the heavens,
Jesus, High Priest sitting on the right-hand of the Majesty on high,
Jesus, High Priest now appearing in the presence of God for us,
Jesus, High Priest, Who hast opened for us the new and living way,
Jesus, High Priest Who hast loved us, and washed us from our sins in Thine own Blood,
Jesus, High Priest Who hast made us kings and priests unto God and Thy Father,
Jesus, High Priest Who hast given Thyself as an Offering and Sacrifice for us unto God,
Jesus, Sacrifice of God and men,
Jesus, Sacrifice without spot,
Jesus, accepted Sacrifice,
Jesus, atoning Sacrifice,
Jesus, solemn Sacrifice,
Jesus, royal Sacrifice,
Jesus, Sacrifice of thanksgiving,
Jesus, Sacrifice of peace,
Jesus, Sacrifice of propitiation,
Jesus, Sacrifice of reconciliation,
Jesus, Sacrifice of salvation,
Jesus, Sacrifice whereby we have confidence and access to God,
Jesus, Sacrifice which hath made both one,
Jesus, Sacrifice slain from the foundation of the world,
Jesus, Sacrifice for evermore,
Be favourable: *Spare us, Jesus.*
Be favourable: *Graciously hear us, Jesus.*

Have mercy upon us.

From all evil,
From the sin of sacrilege,
From the sin of uncleanness,
From filthy lucre,
From the stain of simony,
From improper expenditure of ecclesiastical revenues,
From the love of the world, and the pomps thereof,
From unworthy celebration of the Holy Mysteries,
By Thine eternal Priesthood,
By the unction of the Holy Spirit whereby Thou wast consecrated Priest by God the Father,
By Thy priestly spirit,
By that ministry whereby Thou didst glorify Thy Father upon the earth,
By that bloody Offering of Thyself, made once for all upon the Cross,
By that same Sacrifice, daily shewn forth upon our Altars,
By that divine power, which Thou the one and unseen Priest dost exercise through Thine earthly priests,

Jesus, deliver us.

That it may please Thee to keep and preserve all the Orders of Thy Church in Thy holy religion,
That it may please Thee to fill them with the spirit of Thy Priesthood,
That it may please Thee to cause the priests' lips to keep knowledge,
That it may please Thee to send into Thy harvest workmen that need not to be ashamed,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That it may please Thee to make Thy ministers a flame of fire,
That it may please Thee to raise up shepherds after Thine own Heart,
That it may please Thee to grant that all who exercise the priest's office may be unblameable and without spot,
That it may please Thee to grant that all who behold the ministers of the Altar may reverence the Lord,
That it may please Thee to grant them to offer unto Thee a Sacrifice in righteousness,
That it may please Thee to spread abroad by them in every place the love of Thy Holy Sacrament,
Priest and Sacrifice,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Jesus, spare us.
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Jesus, graciously hear us.
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Jesus, have mercy upon us.
O Jesus our Priest: *Hear us,*
O Jesus our Priest: *Graciously hear us.*

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Who when Thou wast in the Form of God didst empty Thyself, and wast made in all things like unto Thy

brethren, that Thou mightest be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people; have compassion, we beseech Thee, upon our infirmities; purge by Thy Blood our conscience from dead works to serve the Living God, and grant, that coming boldly to the Throne of Grace we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need; Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

O GOD, Who for the glory of Thy Majesty and the salvation of mankind hast consecrated Thine Only-begotten Son asa great High Priest grant that those whom He hath chosen as His fellow-workers and the stewards of His Mysteries, may faithfully fulfil the ministry which they have received.

O GOD, the glory of Thy Priests, Who hast raised to immortal triumph those who faithfully fulfilled their ministry; grant, we beseech Thee, that we considering the end of their conversation, may follow their virtues; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Collects.

The number appended to the end of each Collect refers to that one of the following terminations with which it ought to conclude. When the bracketted words are to be used is also indicated at the end of each Collect.

1. Through [the same] Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the [same] Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

2. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the [same] Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

3. Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the [same] Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

PROPER OF THE SEASON.

Ember Wednesday in Advent.—Grant we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the holy solemnity of our Redemption, which now draweth nigh, may be to us a help to salvation in this time present, and also aid us to attain to eternal felicity in the world to come; through [1].

Ember Friday.—O Lord raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, that they who do put their trust only in Thy loving kindness, may be speedily delivered from all adversity; Who livest [3].

Ember Saturday.—O God, Who seest that our own sins do sorely afflict us; mercifully grant, that by Thy Coming we may be comforted; Who livest [3].

Christmas Eve.—O God, Who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of the Birth of Thine Only Son Jesus Christ; grant, that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him, when He shall come to be our Judge; Who liveth [2].

Eve of the Epiphany.—Lighten our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the brightness of the solemn feast-day now at hand; that escaping from the darkness of this world, we may come to the land of everlasting light; through [1].

Octave of Epiphany.—O God, Whose Only-begotten Son was manifested in the substance of our flesh; grant that we may be conformed inwardly unto Him, Whom we confess to have been made outwardly like unto us, even Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth [2].

Ember Wednesday, in Lent.—O Lord, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers; and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defence against all adversity; through [1].

Ember Friday.—O Lord, be favourable unto Thy people; and as Thou hast drawn our hearts to Thyself, so do Thou mercifully cherish us with Thy continual help; through [1].

Ember Saturday.—We beseech Thee, O Lord, favourably to regard Thy people; and mercifully turn away from them the chastisements of Thy wrathful displeasure; through [1].

Monday in Holy Week.—Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who, by reason of our weakness, do faint under so many adversities; may receive strength again, by the intercession of the Passion of Thine Only-begotten Son; Who liveth [2].

Tuesday in Holy Week.—Almighty and ever-living God, grant us so to celebrate the mysteries of the Lord's Passion, that we may be counted worthy to obtain Thy merciful forgiveness; through the same [1].

Wednesday in Holy Week.—Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who by reason of our misdeeds are continually afflicted, may be delivered by the Passion of Thine Only-begotten Son; Who liveth [2].

Maundy Thursday.—Almighty God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross; Who now liveth [2].

Easter Wednesday.—O God, Who makest us glad with the yearly solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection; mercifully grant that by keeping feast-days in this time present, we may be prepared to come to everlasting joys; through the same [1].

Easter Thursday.—O God Who hast knit together divers nations in the confession of Thy Name; grant unto all them that are by baptism regenerate, that they may hold the faith in unity of spirit, and in righteousness of life; through [1].

Easter Friday.—Almighty and everlasting God Who didst ordain the Feast of the Passover as a token of Thy covenant of reconciliation with man; grant that those things which we do celebrate in outward shew, we may follow with the inward desire of our hearts; through [1].

Low Saturday.—Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who with reverence have celebrated the feast of Easter, may thereby be holpen to the attainment of everlasting joy; through [1].

Rogation Monday and Tuesday.—Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who in all our troubles do put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, may evermore be defended from all adversity; through [1].

Vigil of Ascension.—Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the earnest desire of our hearts may ever ascend whither the glorious Author of the solemn day now at hand, hath already entered in; that so by a holy conversation we may at length attain unto that place unto which we do now by faith reach forward; through the same [1].

Whitsun Eve.—Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the brightness of Thy love may shine upon us; and let the light of Thy light, through the illumination of the Holy Ghost, strengthen the hearts of those who by Thy grace have been born again; through . . . . in the unity of the same [1].

Ember Wednesday in Whitsuntide.—We beseech Thee, O Lord, that the Holy Ghost the

Comforter, Who proceedeth from Thee, may enlighten us, and lead us, as Thy Son hath promised, into all truth; through the same . . . in the unity of the same [2].

Whitsun Thursday.—Grant we beseech Thee, Almighty and merciful God, that the Holy Ghost may come upon us, and mercifully dwelling within us may make us to become the temple of His glory; through . . . . in the unity of the same [1].

Ember Friday.—Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful God, that Thy Church being gathered together by Thy Holy Spirit, may never be troubled by the assaults of her enemies; through . . . . in the unity of the same [1].

Ember Saturday —We beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to pour Thy Holy Ghost into our hearts; by Whose wisdom we were made, and by Whose providence we are governed; through . . . . in the unity of the same [1].

Corpus Christi Day.—O God, Who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a Memorial of Thy Passion, grant us, we beseech Thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption; Who livest [3].

Ember Wednesday in September.—Grant we beseech Thee, O Lord, unto Thy people who pray unto Thee, that while they abstain from bodily food, they may also spiritually fast from sin; through [1].

Ember Friday.—Grant, we beseech Thee,

Almighty God that while we do devoutly keep these holy seasons by a yearly observance, we may please Thee both in body and soul; through [1].

Ember Saturday.—Almighty and Everlasting God, Who by healthful abstinence, dost heal both soul and body; we humbly beseech Thy Majesty, graciously to accept our godly fasting and prayers, and to grant us Thy help both in this time present, and also in time to come; through [1].

PROPER OF SAINTS.

Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary.—O Merciful God, graciously hear the supplications of Thy humble servants; that we who do join to celebrate the Conception of the Virgin Mother of God, may be holpen by her prayers to escape from the dangers that beset us; through the same [1].

Invention of Holy Cross.—O God Who at the wonderful finding of the health-giving Cross didst renew the miracles wrought at thy Passion; grant we beseech Thee, that the redemption wrought on that Tree of Life, may obtain for us the gift of eternal life; Who livest [3].

St. John ant. Port. Lat.—O God Who seest that our adversities do trouble us on every side; grant, we beseech Thee, that the prayers of Saint John, Thine Apostle and Evangelist, may be to us a protection; through [1].

Vigil of St. John Baptist.—Grant, we beseech

Thee, Almighty God, that Thy family may walk in the way of eternal salvation; and by following the exhortations of the blessed forerunner, Saint John, may safely come unto Him, Whom he foretold, even Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth [2].

Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary.—O God Who didst move the holy Virgin Mary, the Mother of Thine Only-begotten Son, to visit blessed Elisabeth, for their mutual consolation; grant, we beseech Thee that we Thy servants may be comforted by this remembrance of that visitation, and may be ever defended by Thy protection, from all adversities; through the same [1].

St. Mary Magdalene.—Most merciful Father bestow upon Thy servants remission of all their sins, which blessed Mary Magdalene herself obtained by loving Thine Only-begotten Son above all things; and grant that she may evermore entreat Thy loving-kindness to give unto us a place in everlasting blessedness; through the same [1].

St. Anne, Mother of Blessed Virgin Mary.—O God Who hast raised blessed Anne, the Mother of her who bare Thee, unto the joys of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee that her prayers may profit us to the obtaining of everlasting blessedness, forasmuch as it was of her offspring that Thou didst vouchsafe to take man's flesh for the salvation of the world; Who livest [3].

Lammas Day.—O God Who didst set Saint Peter the Apostle free from his chains, and didst send him forth unhurt; loose, we beseech Thee, the bands of our sins, and mercifully preserve us from all evil; through [1].

The Transfiguration.—O God, Who in the glorious Transfiguration of Thine Only-begotten Son, didst by the testimony of the fathers confirm the truth of the mysteries of the faith, and by the Voice that came from the excellent glory didst wondrously foreshew the perfect adoption of Thy sons; mercifully vouchsafe to make us even now fellow-heirs with Him Who is the King of Glory, and grant us hereafter to be partakers of the same glory; through the same [1].

Name of Jesus.—O God Who hast made the glorious Name of Thine Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to be loved with great affection by Thy faithful people, and to be very dreadful to evil spirits; mercifully grant, that all they who devoutly reverence this Name of Jesus here upon earth, may find therein comfort in this life present, and in the world to come everlasting joy and felicity; through the same [1].

Assumption of our Lady.—Almighty God Who dost suffer us year by year to rejoice in the solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin; grant to us, we beseech Thee, to come unto those everlasting joys, whereunto she hath already attained; through [1]. *Ambrosian.*

Beheading of St. John Baptist.—O God Who didst choose blessed John Baptist to be the forerunner both of the birth and death of Thy Son; grant that as he died a Martyr for truth and righteousness, so we may contend for truth and righteousness even unto death; through the same [1]. *Paris.*

Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary.—As on the

Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary, changing the word Conception *to* Nativity.

Exaltation of Holy Cross.—O God Who wast pleased to redeem mankind with the precious Blood of Thine Only-begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord; mercifully grant that we who do devoutly commemorate His Holy Cross may be delivered from the bonds of our sins; through the same [1].

Vigil of All Saints.—O Lord our God, increase and multiply Thy grace upon us; and grant that by a holy conversation we may attain to the joys of All Thy Saints, to whose glorious feast-day we do now look forward; through [1].

All Souls.—O God, That art Creator and Redeemer of all faithful people, grant unto the souls of Thy servants and handmaids remission of all their sins, that through devout prayers they may obtain Thy gracious pardon that they have alway desired; Who livest [3].

COMMON OF SAINTS.

Vigils of the Blessed Virgin Mary.—O God Who didst vouchsafe to choose the virgin womb of blessed Mary as a shrine wherein Thou mightest dwell; grant that we being holpen by her prayers may joyfully take part in her coming festival; Who livest [3].

Vigils of Apostles.—Grant we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the reverend feast-day of Saint N. Thine Apostle, to which we do now look forward, may bring unto us an increase both

of devotion to Thee, and also of spiritual health; through [1].

Common of a Martyr and Bishop.—O God Who hast given holy joy unto this day by the commemoration of the holy Bishop N., Thy Martyr; mercifully assist the supplications of Thy family, and grant that we may be holpen by the prayers of him whose feast we celebrate; through [1].

Or this.—Almighty and Everlasting God, Who art wonderful in the power of all Thy Saints; grant that we may abound with thanksgiving on this the feast of Blessed N., who, as the Martyr and High Priest of Thy Son, approved by his testimony Thy ministry which he had received, and confirmed by example that which he preached with his mouth; through the same [1]. *Paris.*

Common of a Martyr and Priest.—O God, from Whom faith doth gain constancy, and weakness receiveth strength; we beseech Thee that holpen by the example and prayers of Blessed N., Thy Priest and Martyr, we may overcome, by the confession of Thy Name, whatsoever is cruel in persecution, or dreadful in death; through [1]. *Paris.*

Common of a Martyr only.—Grant, we beseech Thee, O Almighty God: that as we celebrate the birthday of Blessed N., Thy Martyr, so by his intercessions we may be strengthened in the love of Thy Name; through [1].

Or this.—Almighty and Everlasting God, Who dost kindle the fire of Thy love in the hearts of Thy Saints; pour into our minds such

power of love and faith, that we may profit by the example of Thy Holy Martyr N., in whose victory we do rejoice; through [1]. *Paris.*

Common of a Confessor and Bishop.—Almighty and everlasting God, Who makest us glad to-day by the feast of Saint N., Thy Confessor and Bishop; we humbly beseech Thy mercy that as with sacred services we celebrate his memory, so by his prayers we may be holpen to the attainment of the glory of eternal life; through [1].

Or this.—O God, Who art the Light of Thy faithful people, and the Shepherd of our souls, Who also didst place Blessed N. as a Bishop in Thy Church, that he might feed Thy sheep with Thy word, and teach them by his example; grant unto us, at his intercession, that we may keep the faith he taught by word, and follow the way he shewed by his example; Who livest [3]. *Paris.*

Or this.—Almighty God, Who didst set Blessed N. as a Bishop over Thy people, and Who didst will that he should profit them both by word and example; grant that the pastors of Thy Church, at his intercession, may guide their flocks into the way of everlasting salvation, that they all, by the gift of Thy grace may desire things well pleasing to Thee, and with all their might perform the same; through [1]. *Paris.*

Common of a Confessor and Doctor.—Stir up, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the hearts of Thy faithful people at the intercession of Blessed N.; that they giving good heed to holy teaching may both know what they ought to follow, and

also attain that after which they seek; through [1]. *Paris.*

Common of a Confessor and Abbat.—O Lord, the Saviour and Preserver of all them that seek Thee, Who didst give grace to the blessed Abbat N. to renounce the world, lest he should be a partaker of its defilements, and to fly beneath the shadow of Thy wings; grant unto Thy people, at his intercession, that they may escape the snares of the devil, and with pure minds, follow Thee, the only God; Who livest [3]. *Paris.*

Common of any Confessor.—O God, Who makest us glad with the yearly solemnity of Thy Blessed Confessor N.; mercifully grant, that as we keep his feast-day, we may also follow his example; through [1].

Common of Virgin Martyrs.—O God of our salvation, graciously hear us; that as we do rejoice to keep the feast of blessed N., Thy Virgin and Martyr, so we may be rooted and grounded in the love of all godly devotion; through [1].

Or this.—Almighty and everlasting God, by Whose gift Blessed N. being made strong in her purpose of virginity, and in the confession of the faith, attained the prize both of virginity and also of martyrdom; grant us so to persevere in purity of body and mind, that we may be overcome neither by the beguilements of the flesh, nor by the bitterness of afflictions; through [1]. *Auxerre.*

Common of Virgins only.—Almighty and everlasting God, Who art the Author of strength and Lover of virginity; grant we beseech Thee, that

for the sake of Saint N., Thy Virgin, who by her life of chastity was well pleasing to Thee, we also may obtain favour in Thy sight; through [1].

Common of Holy Women.—O God, Who art the life of Thy faithful people, the glory of the humble, and the happiness of the righteous; at the intercession of blessed N., mercifully regard our prayers, that the souls which thirst for Thy promises, may be filled with the abundance of Thy love; through [1]. *Auxerre.*

Dedication of a Church.—O God Who, year by year, dost renew the day of the consecration of this Thy holy temple, and dost continually preserve us in safety to celebrate Thy holy Mysteries; favourably hear the prayers of Thy people, and grant that whosoever shall come into this temple to ask for Thy good things, may be made glad by the obtaining of all his requests; through [1].

MEDITATIONS.

From the Manuale Ordinandorum.

I.—On the Priestly State.

MEDITATION I.

On the Excellence of this State.

I. How great this state is thou mayest know by the wonderful titles given to Priests. For in the Holy Scriptures, and by the Holy Fathers they are called Angels of the Lord, Vicars of Christ, Helpers together with God, the Light of the world, the Salt of the earth, Leaders and Rulers of the flock, Mediators between God and the people, Bearers of the Heavenly Key, and many more such like titles. O glorious appellations! But are they meaningless, as far as thou art concerned? Take heed to fulfil in thyself their wondrous meaning, "that the name may agree with the deeds, and the deeds answer to the name, lest an empty name become unto thee a great sin," as St. Ambrose saith.

II. Know the excellence of this state as well from the honour due to Priests and paid to them. They seem to be almost put on a level with God. Scripture saith, "Fear the Lord with all thy soul, and reverence His Priests." "Touch not Mine anointed." "He that receiveth you, receiveth Me. He that heareth you, heareth Me; and he that despiseth you, despiseth Me." St. Athanasius relateth that Blessed Anthony held Priests in the highest reverence, and was

high above human nature, and set free from our weaknesses, they are brought to this pre-eminence. What more? These are they to whom is given spiritual child-bearing, since the birth of Baptism is by God committed to them; by these we put on Christ, we are buried with God's Son, and are made members of that Blessed Head; without their aid we can neither avoid hell, nor gain the reward of the crown laid up in heaven." O Priests of the Lord, how great is the dignity God hath committed unto you! How great is the prerogative of your order! Ye are made like unto the Son of God. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, and so grow in virtue that ye may excel therein, and not in rank and order alone.

MEDITATION III.

On Priestly Holiness.

(From the "Imitation of Christ," iv. 5.)

I. If thou hadst angelic purity, and St. John the Baptist's holiness, thou wouldst not be worthy to receive nor to touch this Sacrament. For it could not become due to human merit that man should consecrate and touch Christ's Sacrament, so that he may receive the bread of Angels for food. Grand is this mystery, and great is the dignity of Priests, unto whom is given what is not granted to Angels. For only Priests lawfully consecrated in the Church have power to celebrate and to consecrate Christ's body. The Priest is verily God's minister, using God's words, by God's command and institution; God is then the

principal Doer and the invisible Worker for Whom everything that He desireth cometh to pass and all things obey what He commandeth.

II. Thou oughtest, therefore, more to believe in Almighty God in this most excellent Sacrament, than in thine own senses, or any visible sign. Therefore thou oughtest to draw near to this work with fear and reverence. Take heed then and see what ministry it is that was committed unto thee by imposition of the Bishop's hands. So thou art made a Priest, and art consecrated to celebrate; see now that faithfully and devoutly at due times thou offerest sacrifice to God, that thou mayest show thyself irreproveable. Thou hast not lightened thy burden, but art now bound by a tighter bond of discipline, and art held to greater perfection in holiness. A Priest ought to be decked with all virtues, and to give to others example of a good life. His conversation ought not to be occupied with the common and usual ways of men, but with angels in heaven or with perfect men on earth.

III. A Priest arrayed in sacred vestments occupieth the room of Christ, that earnestly and humbly he may pray to God for himself, and all the people. He hath before and behind him the sign of the Lord's Cross that he may ever bear in mind the Passion of Christ. He carrieth the Cross on the chasuble in front that he may learn diligently to look upon Christ's footsteps, and fervently seek to follow him. He is marked with the Cross behind, that he may learn gently to bear adversities brought upon him by others, for God's sake. He beareth the Cross in front that he may deplore his own sins, and behind, that he may

weep with compassion for those of others, and may remember that he is an ordained mediator betwixt God and the sinner; nor must he slack his prayers, nor his holy oblations until he hath been counted worthy to obtain grace and mercy. When a Priest doth celebrate, he honoureth God, rejoiceth the Angels, buildeth up the Church, helpeth the quick gaineth rest for the departed, and maketh himself partaker of all good things.

MEDITATION IV.

Of Priestly Knowledge.

I. Consider how great is the necessity of knowledge to a Priest. God, when commanding the Priests of the Old Law, to observe sobriety, especially when engaged in sacred ministrations, gave as a reason for the command, "That ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean; and that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath spoken unto them." In the book of Malachi it is said, "The Priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth." "A Bishop," saith the Apostle, "must be apt to teach." An unlearned and unskilful Priest, besides being a disgrace to himself and to the Church, is altogether unfit to teach and to exhort the people under his care, which nevertheless he must needs do; and it is greatly to be feared that the blind thus leading the blind both may fall into the ditch of eternal destruction. God saith, "Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that

thou shalt be no Priest to Me." Do these words apply unto thee? Groan over thy sloth; tremble at the curse of God; and whilst thou thus mournfully thinkest over the evils bred of the ignorance of Priests follow the counsel of Peter, and "add to your virtue knowledge, that you may be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

II. Consider of what sort a Priest's knowledge ought to be. 1. He ought to know what he most requireth for his own sanctification and perfection, wherein he is most lacking, in what virtue he is most deficient. 2. All that pertaineth to the due performance of the offices and rites of the Church, especially as concerneth the most Holy Eucharist. 3. All that is necessary to make his ministrations most profitable to the people committed to his charge. To gain this knowledge he can never sufficiently study the sacred Scriptures, and the writings of the fathers of the Church, and approved theologians. Carefully examine thy conscience as to all this. What hitherto hast thou done to acquire this most necessary knowledge? Art thou skilled in all that thou oughtest to know, whether as a Christian man, or as Christ's minister? Art thou in this keeping back what thou owest to God or to thy neighbour? Rebuke and stir up thy sluggish nature by recalling the saying, "That he who forgetteth shall be forgotten."

III. Consider by what means thou oughtest to be seeking to increase and to improve in thyself true priestly knowledge. The chief means are:—1. Prayer, by aid of which the Saints, as St. Thomas testifies, profited more than by reading.

2. Careful labour, continual study, such as the Apostle recommended to St. Timothy. 3. Frequent conversation on the things which thou hast read with the learned, or at least with thoughtful persons. Then there must also be the purifying of the eye of the inward intention, so that in the pursuit and use of knowledge thou mayest not aim at gaining vainglory, or at satisfying mere curiosity, but mayest have the glory of God and the edification of thy neighbour always in view. Since Priests are so slothful and careless in the use of these means, it is not to be marvelled at that there is so much ignorance among them. Take heed lest thou be guilty of the same negligence, but earnestly strive that these things may be in you and abound.

MEDITATION V.

Of Priestly Zeal.

I. "I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts." "He who hath no zeal hath no love," saith Augustine. But he who loveth not in what state doth he abide? "In death," St. John answereth. O woeful lot of numberless Priests! A Priest is bound to have more zeal for the glory of God, and to labour more to promote it than other Christians, since God hath given unto him more honour and glory than to other Christians. And doth it not become a Priest to glorify the God Who hath so glorified him? Thou, therefore, O man of God! take unto thyself zeal for His Holy Name, and strive to be wholly employed in defending and spread-

ing His glory, remembering what is written, "Them that honour Me I will honour, and they that despise Me shall be lightly esteemed." Groan over thy daily offences against the honour of thy God. Stir thyself up afew to fresh ardour in good works, and let this be evermore thy watchword and thy motto, To THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD.

II. "I will very gladly spend and be spent for you." St. Jerome remarks that those who have taken the office of the priesthood must make the salvation of others the gain of their own souls. At thy ordination the bishop told thee that thou wast set apart, "To teach and to premonish, to feed and provide for the Lord's family." Say then with St. Paul, "A necessity is laid upon me, woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel." To inflame thy zeal, remember:—1. The worth of the soul; hear St. Bernard on this point, "O soul, signed with God's image, adorned with His likeness, espoused to Him by faith, dowered with the Spirit, redeemed by His blood, reckoned among Angels, capable of endless blessedness, heir of good things, partaker of reason." And these considerations made him to cry out with grief, "An ass falleth and some one is found to lift her up; a soul perisheth, and no one recks aught of it." 2. The excellence of thy work. Nothing could be more divine than to be a fellow-worker with God in the salvation of souls. St. Chrysostom saith, "If thou wert to offer immense sums of money thou wouldst not do so much as if thou hadst converted one soul, that dear and beloved possession of God." 3. The promised reward. "They that turn many to

righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever." O how hard is thine heart if none of these things move thee! By prayer, by word, by good example, by all these things thou mayest forward the salvation of souls; use them diligently and when at the last the gospel labourers bring their sheaves with them to the Lord of the Harvest, thou shalt not appear empty.

III. "Lord I have loved the habitation of Thy house." Behold the third object of priestly zeal. "Chiefly doth it become a Priest," saith St. Ambrose, "to adorn God's temple with becoming ornaments, that by this care the courts of the Lord may be made beautiful." St. Jerome saith of a holy man, "He was careful that the altar should be bright, the walls without dust, the pavement swept, the holy place clean, the vessels burnished; and was affected by a pious carefulness about all sacred ceremonies." O example worthy of imitation by all ecclesiastics! Too often doth it happen that while the private houses of the clergy and their dress bear every mark of care and even luxury, the interior of the House of God and the things employed for divine worship are dirty and mean, and repulsive to the eye. Oh shame! Most surely, my dear brother, if thou hadst faith, if thou didst fear God, things would be otherwise ordered by thee. See then above all that thou hast a zeal for God's house, that thou mayest say with truth, "Lord I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth: O shut not up my soul with the sinners."

MEDITATION VI.

Of Priestly Chastity.

I. Consider the excellence of purity. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Fleshly passions when allowed to rise and to disturb the heart, blind the eye of the soul, and shut out that vision of God which by faith and love we may already enjoy. He who keepeth his body in temperance, soberness, and chastity preserves the eye of the soul clear and undimmed. The unchaste and the luxurious are often troubled in mind and perplexed with many doubts and uneasinesses. The chaste and temperate man clearly sees God already by faith, and seeing Him is at rest from disquiet and trouble of heart. Art thou sad and troubled with disquiet? Ask thyself if thou art taming thy body and keeping the rebellious flesh in subjection. Chastity is the mother of peace. Luxury is the mother of disquiet.

II. Consider the necessity of this virtue. St. Augustine saith, "Unto all chastity is most necessary, but chiefly to the ministers of the altar, whose lives ought to be the instruction of others." Art thou called to the priesthood in holy wedlock? Take heed that thou esteem thy marriage honourable, and let thy bed be undefiled. Art thou persevering in continence? With fear and trembling continue in the grace, remembering the words of St. Athanasius, "O precious pearl, blessed is he that keepeth thee! Blessed is he who by patience constantly cleaveth unto thee,

for after a little labour he shall by thee receive a great reward." And let all remember it becometh a minister of God to be defiled by no fleshly stain, but to shine with perfect chastity of body and soul. How pure ought a Priest to be who so often entereth by his ministry into the very heavens themselves! St. Chrysostom saith, "Uncleanness which in others is a crime, in a priest is sacrilege."

III. Consider that purity and chastity are as frail as they are precious; thou hast this treasure in an earthen vessel, and how soon may not that be broken! Easily is it cast away, hardly may it be regained! That thou mayest in this point be without reproof at the coming of the Lord, chiefly observe the following:—1. Chasten thy body and bring it into subjection; if thou accustom it to ease it will grow wanton to thy destruction. 2. Use but little wine, for it hath destroyed many. 3. Seek not the company of women, for, "From garments cometh a moth, and from women wickedness." 4. Be on the watch principally at the beginning of temptation, and slay the enemy while he is young. 5. Never be idle, let the devil alway find thee occupied with something. 6. Very greatly humble thy soul; St. Bernard saith, "That chastity may be deserved, humility must be preferred." And chiefly commend thyself to the protection and mercy of thy Lord, the most pure Son of the most pure Virgin, the King of Virgins and the lover of chastity and continence. "Create in me a clean heart, O God!"

MEDITATION VII.

A Priest ought to find much time for mental prayer and holy meditation.

I. Consider how greatly holy meditation is commended in the Sacred Scriptures. God saith, "These words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." The wise man saith, "Let thy mind be upon the ordinances of the Lord, and meditate continually in His commandments; He shall establish thine heart, and give thee wisdom at thine own desire." And in the Psalms we read, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly; his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night: whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Whence learn:—1. That meditation on the divine law is enjoined to all. 2. That it ought to be frequent and careful; hence he who will afford scarcely half an hour a day to it, is far from reaching the standard here set up. 3. That it is to be the source and fount whence all virtues proceed. And so it is said, "My son let not them depart from thine eyes."

II. Consider what the saints have said of this duty of meditation or mental prayer. St. Bernard "Dost thou ask where to find godliness? Find time for meditation." St. Bonaventura, "Without good heed to this, all our religion is dry, imperfect, and nigh to destruction." St. Augustine, "As fleshly meats nourish the flesh, so by the Divine

Words and by prayers is the inward man nourished and fed." St. Chrysostom, "Prayer is to the soul what water is to the fish." St. Vincent of Paul, "What a sword is to the soldier, that prayer is to those engaged in the sacred ministry." Thus it came to pass that these, together indeed with all the Saints, were much given to prayer and meditation. Strive to imitate their example, that nothing keep thee back from a practice so necessary to a godly life.

III. Consider the difference in life between those who pray much and those who pray little. The first are not only preserved from grave sins, but they excel in virtue, and fulfil their ministry well. But the rest, even if they avoid heinous faults (which is hardly to be expected), are inconstant, worldly, and in the exercise of their ministries are sure to give scandal and to hurt many souls. Thou mayst well bear in mind the admonition of St. Charles, "That with the whole attention of the soul, it is thy duty to spend a certain space every day in meditation, and in the pursuit of silent prayer."

II.—On the Holy Eucharist.

MEDITATION I.

Institution of the Eucharist.

I. "Take, eat, This is My Body." Believe first, with living faith, that the Flesh, Blood, and Soul of Christ, together with His Godhead, are all in the most Holy Eucharist. Marvel at God's wisdom which found this new manner of communicating Him to us. Be astonished and praise the omnipotence which, in one moment, and by means of a few words, can cause so much to be under the species of bread and wine. Acknowledge the infinite love which doeth this. Even as the Father so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so also the Son hath so loved that He hath given Himself, to be with us even unto the end of the world. O wonderful God, worthy of all love! That He so thought of thee, miserable sinner, as to become incarnate for thee was enough, but much greater love doth He shew by becoming as it were again born for thee, and bringing with Him unto thee all that He had that first time! What reward wilt thou give unto the Lord?

II. "The Lord Jesus in the same night that He was betrayed took bread," &c. Consider the time of the Institution of the Eucharist. It was at that same time wherein envy was plotting against His life, when the hatred of the Jews

was hot against Him. Thus the waters of persecution could not quench His love; thus He loved us even when we were enemies. The nearness of torments, of the cross, and of shame do not separate Christ from thee, but bring about a greater union, by means of this Sacrament of love and unity. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? Say then in conclusion with great and burning love, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him That loved us."

III. "While they were eating Jesus took bread." Consider who are those whom Christ called to this Banquet: the Apostles, and among them, even Judas, as is generally supposed. But what a difference in the receivers! the first received with most ardent devotion, and not only with a bodily but with a spiritual reception; the last received in a bodily manner alone, being in spirit intent upon betraying Christ. Behold how this wild beast is not tamed by the Food of Love, and call to mind how that wickedness becometh a chain, when the evil passion from which it taketh its rise is not promptly repressed.

MEDITATION II.

The Eucharist a Memorial of Christ's Passion.

I. "He instituted this Sacrament as a never-ending Memorial of His Passion," saith St. Thomas Aquinas. That there might be an unceasing Memory of His bloody Sacrifice, He

instituted an unbloody one to be daily offered. He was once offered for us, but He found a way whereby His offering might be continually represented. And thence may we not conclude that had it been needful Christ would have died many times for us? Acknowledge His love. But thou makest no return unless thou also offerest thyself daily. They that are Christ's, have crucified the flesh, with the affections and lusts.

II. "This do in remembrance of Me." How great the work was which He wrought by His Passion may be estimated, when He desired Himself to be the Memorial thereof. This compelleth thee to a continual memory of so great a benefit, since it consisteth not in thought alone, but is expressed also in inward affection and in outward act. For we who celebrate the Mysteries of the Lord's Passion ought to imitate in our lives that which we perform by our actions, as saith St. Gregory.

III. "As often as ye eat this Bread and drink this Cup ye do shew the Lord's Death." As often as thou receivest the Eucharist, think of thyself as the Sepulchre of the Dead Christ. It would not have been worthy except it had been new; He would be put in a new tomb. Thou art not new except thou hast slain the old man. It is needful that while we do this, we should slay ourselves a sacrifice to God by contrition of heart, saith St. Gregory. What sayest thou to this? make ready the knife, and offer thyself a victim unto Him Who gave Himself a Victim for thee.

MEDITATION III.

The Dignity of the Worthy Communicant.

I. "We will come unto him and make Our abode with him." He who receiveth the Eucharist is made God's habitation. That thou mayest understand how great is this dignity, think of the womb of the most blessed Virgin, wherein when made Man He first dwelt, what great graces were heaped upon her! And the very same cometh to dwell in thee by the Eucharist. How great is this condescension! But suffer not to dwell in thee the unclean beasts of unrestrained passions.

II. "Whoso eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood dwelleth in Me, and I in him." He who receiveth the Eucharist is not only made to be God's habitation, but by a marvellous union becometh one with Him. Reckon, if thou canst, how great is this dignity, to be made one with Christ's Humanity, and in a manner by this means, to become one with the Person of the Word, and with the whole Trinity. Consider to what such glory compelleth thee, thou who art one with God must pluck thyself out of the mire of created things; so that thy words, deeds, and thoughts may be such as become a member of Christ.

III. "As I live by the Father, so he that eateth Me even he shall live by Me." Call to mind the excellence of union with Christ. Even as the Son receiveth from the Father His essence, His life, and all His perfections, so that He is one God with God the Father, liveth

in Him, and hath with Him the same perfections, knowing, willing, and working even as He knoweth, willeth, and worketh; even so, by reception of the Eucharist, thou art made partaker of the life and perfections of Christ. Thou oughtest therefore to feel, to will, to do, to suffer with Him. Union with Christ will work this in thee, except thou dost put a stumbling block in the way.

MEDITATION IV.

The Dispositions for Communion.

I. "In Heaven hath He set a tabernacle for the Sun." That mind should be pure as Heaven wherein Christ the Sun of Righteousness is to come to make His tabernacle. The greatness of the Guest demandeth a holy and majestic guest-chamber. Weigh well Who He is, and to whom He cometh. If it became the Mother who was to conceive God's Son to shine with purity so great, that God's purity alone could be greater; the same becometh thee, for thou receivest the same as she received. But this purity consisteth not alone in freedom from sin, but also in cleansing of the affections, and in being adorned with virtues. Canst thou not claim purity such as this? How needful that thou shouldst labour to attain it! Thou wilt attain it if thou art in earnest. Say with the leper, Lord, if thou wilt, Thou canst make me elean. Have faith, He will put forth His hand, and will say, I will, be thou clean.

II. "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life which is in the midst of the

Paradise of God." That is, which is in the Church Militant by the Real Presence in the Sacrament of the Altar. That thou mayest enjoy this Mystery it is needful for thee to overcome thyself, and to subdue thine appetites to reason, and thy reason to God. Thou dost not come worthily enough except thou overcome thyself. How great a field for victories thou hast within thee! pride, ambition, self-esteem, vaingloriousness, wrath, impatience, spiritual sloth, lukewarmness, and such like, which thou knowest; overcome these, and thou shalt eat of the Tree of Life. How different wouldst thou be to what thou art, if each time thou camest near to the Altar thou didst overcome even one of these foes!

III. "Behold, I will rain Bread from Heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day." Here the manna is promised, a figure of the Eucharist, which is also in very truth that Rain which descendeth upon the just and upon the unjust. How great is God's goodness, giving Himself so liberally! But that thou mayest enjoy His bounty thou must go out. Whence? whither? Rupertus shall answer, From thy former conversation, from thine old life. For if the old man be not put away, we cannot gather this manna. Weigh well how far the old man is alive in thee; how it behoveth thee to slay him that thou mayest put on the new man.

MEDITATION V.

On the Same Subject.

I. "I will satisfy her poor with Bread." Happy poverty, which alone, as Rupertus saith, draweth

forth that great Alms from the King of kings, whereby He giveth nothing less than Himself! This Bread is given as the Alms of the Great God. Empty thyself, empty thyself, that, being made poor, thou mayest be worthy of this Alms. Cast forth love of the world and the vanities thereof. He who is rich receiveth alms unworthily; he is unworthy of the Eucharist who is rich in worldly affections. Know that He who filleth the hungry with good things sendeth the rich empty away. Perchance here may be found the reason why from so many receptions of the Eucharist thou hast received so little fruit.

II. "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." Thou must bring the hunger and thirst of inherent desire to this food. This fountain of sacramental grace is only open to the thirsty: I will give unto him that is athirst of the Water of Life freely. For it is meet, saith St. Bernard, that the flame of holy desire should go before His face, to every soul unto which He is to come. O, lukewarm soul! Dost thou not esteem it as sacrilegious to loathe this most precious Food? Verily thou art nigh unto loathing if thou desire It not. Stir up therefore, as often as thou art to draw near unto It, a fervent desire; which should be excited by a lively faith in the dignity of this Food, in the love of God, in the greatness of the graces flowing from the Eucharist, and such like considerations.

III. "When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room." Thou art about to draw near unto the wedding feast wherein God espouseth Himself unto thy soul. Who art thou? Who is He? Learn

from His majesty thine own unworthiness. But thou mayest become worthy, if with sincere heart thou art humble. He hath regarded the lowliness of His Handmaiden, and would enter her holiest womb; He will not despise thy lowliness. And how much matter for humiliation thou mayest find if thou wilt look for it! Who art thou? Who is He? Cry out, as well thou mayest, What is Thy servant, that Thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

MEDITATION VI.

The Effects of the Eucharist.

I. "They had an eye unto Him and were lightened." One fruit of beholding Christ, and still more drawing near to Him and receiving Him, is the obtaining of light to know the highest mysteries. For He is the True Light that lighteneth every man that cometh into the world. Alas, how great is thy blindness to divine things! Knowest thou not that the disciples had their eyes opened, and knew the Lord in the breaking of bread? See here the Physician of thy blindness. The Same Who of old asked the blind man at Jericho, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? now asketh the same of thee. O the kindness of preventing grace! Say confidently with the blind man, Lord, that I may receive my sight.

II. "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, making thee young, and lusty as an eagle." Thy soul groweth old when it languisheth in virtue; it becometh young when it is

vigorous. This old age often overtaketh thee, but thou must walk in newness of life. The most holy Eucharist is the best means of renewing thy youth; hereby God satisfieth thy mouth with good things. If this were the only good thou didst enjoy in this present life, to feed on the Lord's Flesh, it alone would renew thy youth if thou didst receive it worthily. Value Him, praise Him, love Him, cleave unto Him; and as often as thou comest unto Him, lay aside somewhat of the old man.

III. "Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste." This was the effect of her having conceived her God. Since she was now full of God, where should she go with haste save to the heights? saith St. Ambrose. Thou receivest in the Eucharist Him whom the Virgin conceived. The same then will be wrought in thee as in her, except thou dost put a stumbling-block; thou wilt strive for the difficult things of virtue, and wilt go with haste toward the summit of perfection. Co-operate in this with God, Who desireth the same, lest by thy lukewarmness He ever find thee on low ground. God will lift thee up, but not without thyself.

MEDITATION VII.

Other Effects of the Eucharist.

I. "So man did eat Angels' Food." The most holy Eucharist is called Angels' Food, not because Angels eat It, but because men by partaking thereof become as Angels. Cardinal Hugo saith, It is given unto men that they may become

Angels. How great would be thy happiness if thou wert made, as it were, free from the body, altogether spiritual, free from temptations, delivered from thy passions. Verily, if thou art not yet made such, thou mayest be pressing forward to the attainment thereof. And what madness, when thou mightest be reaching forward to angelic perfection, not to be striving so to do!

II. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the Sons of God." An effect of the holy Eucharist is that it maketh thee a Son of God, not natural indeed, but adopted. And hereby thou also attainest the position of an heir; if we are sons of God, then heirs, saith St. Paul. O wondrous condescension! Weigh well what a Father thou hast! what a Brother! What love, what confidence, what reverence, oughtest thou to feel towards Him! But what an unworthy son and brother thou hast hitherto proved! Art thou not ashamed? But what wilt thou do for the time to come, that thou mayest worthily call God, Father; and Jesus, Brother? St. Leo saith, Learn thy dignity, and THOU shalt be made partaker of the divine nature, return not to the unworthy conversation of the old man.

III. "Whoso eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood, dwelleth in Me and I in him." Here is a higher dignity thou dost by the holy Eucharist attain unto; not only art thou made a son of God, but thou art made one with Him, so that He dwelleth in thee, and thou in Him. But for this it is needful that thou shouldest die to all in thyself, and live only and alone unto God. O when will the time come when thou wilt be able to say, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me"?

III.—On some of the Titles of Christ.

MEDITATION I.

Jesus our God.

I. Who cometh? Christ Jesus in Whom dwelleth all the Fulness of the Godhead bodily, and Whom all the Angels of God worship. O wondrous condescension! And can it be believed that God will dwell with man on earth? Love, praise, bless, give thanks, and cry out with Saint Thomas, My Lord, and my God.

II. To whom doth He come? To thee, the poorest and vilest of creatures, to thee who hast too often despised thy Creator, changing His glory into an idol. Thou hast, by thy sins, left the Lord thy God, and hast gone backwards after strange gods, the world, the flesh, the devil. Blush, miserable man that thou art, and with humble and contrite heart say with the publican, God be merciful to me a sinner; and with David, Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness.

III. Wherefore doth He come? To communicate Himself wholly unto thee, that thy soul may be nourished by God, that thou mayest be made a partaker of the Divine nature, that thou mayest live for ever. Be astounded at God's munificence towards thee; pour out thy soul in praise and say, Praise the Lord, O my soul, and let all that is within me bless His Holy

Name; praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Resolve with thyself henceforth no more to live to thyself, but unto Him.

MEDITATION II.

Jesus our King.

I. Who cometh? Jesus Christ, the King of glory, the King of heaven and earth, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, thy King, the King good and merciful, the King who hath counsel, equity, prudence, might, and whom all things serve. Ponder how great is the honour done to thee in being suffered to make of thine heart a guest chamber for so glorious a King. Make ready for Him the best fairest place thou canst, sigh for Him, and say, O our King and Lawgiver, come to save us!

II. To whom doth He come? To an unfaithful servant, ungrateful, rebellious, backsliding. Confess against thyself thine own unrighteousness; mourn for it with bitterness of heart, acknowledge Christ as thy Lord Most High, say unto Him with whole heart, Thou art alone my King, my soul shall be subject to none other than to Thee.

III. Wherefore doth He come? Not to deal with thee after thy sins by delivering thee to the tormentors, but, that He may by fresh gifts increase and multiply upon thee that lovingkindness which first received thee into His grace, He will summon thee to banquet and familiar intercourse with Himself, giving thee most sweet Bread from

Heaven, filling thy soul with good things. O incomprehensible goodness! Let thy mouth never cease to praise so gracious a King, and to tell of all His wondrous works.

MEDITATION III.

Jesus our Master.

I. Who cometh? Christ Jesus, Who is given unto us both as a Governor and a Teacher, in Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, Who hath the words of eternal life, Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Congratulate thyself on having so great a Master, for many prophets and kings desired to hear Him, and heard Him not. The queen of the south came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold a Greater than Solomon is here. See then that thou refuse not Him That speaketh, but be most attent, and bring unto him a teachable heart and a ready ear.

II. To whom doth He come? To thee, an ignorant, and unteachable disciple, who receivest not the things of the Spirit of God, and who hast too often cast His words behind thy back. Repent thee of such great offences; lest, in vengence thereof, this just and good Master hold His peace at thee, humbly and earnestly beseech Him saying with the leper, Jesus, Master, have mercy upon me; or with David, Hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

III. Wherefore doth He come? To teach thee

true understanding and knowledge, to fill thee with the knowledge of His will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that thou mayest walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work. O how grateful thou oughtest to be to Him for His coming! Go forth to meet Him, and cry out, Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna to the Son of David! Sit at His feet, and hear His word, and after the example of His Ever-Virgin Mother, keep it, and ponder it in thine heart.

MEDITATION IV.

Jesus, our Physician.

I. Who cometh? Christ Jesus the Great Physician of souls and bodies, as good as He is great, giving health and life to all; unto Whom, in the days of His Flesh, they brought all that had any disease and He healed them. This should fill thee with gladness, stir up thy devotion, bestow upon thee confidence. Summon and exhort all the powers of thy soul and magnify His Holy Name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, Who healeth all thine infirmities.

II. To whom doth He come? To one grievously and seriously sick, encompassed with many infirmities, not greatly desiring the Physician, yea rather ungrateful for many past healings; and what is worse, who hath many times, as one in a fever, raged against the Physician who cometh to cure and to heal. O gracious and merciful Physician! O most sweet Jesus, I

confess myself to be wholly unworthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof to visit Thy servant, but according to Thy great mercy think upon me, O Lord, for Thy goodness. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

III. Wherefore doth He come? That He may heal thee, and give thee perfect soundness. I will come, saith He, and heal him. Take Him at His word, give place to the Heavenly Physician, for He is Himself the Lord that created thee, let Him not go from thee except He bless thee, for thou hast need of Him. Open unto Him freely and confidingly all the diseases and wounds of thy soul; say to Him, Lord, behold he whom thou lovest is sick; have mercy upon me, for my soul trusteth in Thee. At the same time take heed that thou observe His directions; for he who will not keep the commands of his Physician destroyeth himself.

MEDITATION V.

Jesus, our Shepherd.

I. Who cometh? Jesus, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who so loved His flock that He was content to die for them, and, as St. Gregory saith, "gave us His Body and Blood in our Sacrament, that He might feed His redeemed sheep with the nourishment of His own Flesh." O chief and best of shepherds! "For," as St. Chrysostom saith, "what shepherd ever fed his flock with his own blood? But why speak I of shepherds? There are many mothers who after the pains of childbirth give their children to

other nurses. But this was not Thy way, O most gracious Jesus, but Thou dost feed us with Thine own Blood, and in every way dost unite us to thyself."

II. To whom doth He come? To a sick and wandering sheep. Wonder at the Good Shepherd's kindness. Mourn because of thy frequent wanderings. Quit His beloved fold no more; say with the Psalmist, "I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost, O seek Thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments."

III. Wherefore doth He come? He Himself hath declared the reason: "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." And again: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." O sweet and peaceable word to the sinner's ear! Beseech that heavenly Shepherd to fulfil in thee that for which He came; that as He liveth by the Father, so thou eating His Flesh, mayest live by Him. The Gospel testifieth that His sheep hear His voice and follow Him. Do thou likewise, that thou mayest at last be found of that number whereof he saith, "And I will give unto them eternal life."

MEDITATION VI.

Jesus, our Redeemer.

I. Who cometh? Christ Jesus, the Lamb of God; the Lamb without spot, by Whose Blood we are redeemed; Who is of a truth the Saviour of the world; Who hath loved us, and given Himself for us, the Just for the

unjust, that He might bring us to God. O wonderful mercy! "Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath delivered." "And why? Thou hast delivered my soul from death."

II. To whom doth He come? To one who was once the bond-slave of sin, and who hath often and often wasted the wonderful price paid for his ransom. O Lord, deal not with me after my sins! I grieve, and will grieve that having been so often delivered by Thy grace, I have not stood fast in that liberty wherewith Thou hast made me free, but have been again and again entangled with the yoke of sin's bondage. Spare me, good Jesus, spare me, and cease not to be my Redeemer, even mine. "Behold, thou hast graven me on the palms of Thine hands; read what is written there, and save me."

III. Wherefore doth He come? To deliver thee out of the hands of thine enemies, that thou mayest serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of thy life. Esteem thyself happy in being called to serve so great a Lord, "to serve Him is to reign." Let this prayer ever ascend from thine heart: "I am Thine, O save me"; or that of St. Anselm, "O Jesus, be a Jesus to me, and save me."

MEDITATION VII.

Jesus, Priest and Sacrifice.

I. Who cometh? Christ Jesus, Who is at once Priest and Sacrifice. The great High Priest, eternal, perfected, made higher than the heavens. The Sacrifice, holy, living, undefiled, acceptable

to God. Honour and love so great a Priest with all thy soul; and having been made a partaker of His priesthood, pray that a double portion of His Spirit may rest upon thee. That this may be, plead His merits at the Altar, and say, "Behold, O God, our Defender, and look upon the face of Thy Christ."

II. To whom doth He come? Perchance to a wicked, useless, or unfaithful servant, to whom the terrible sentence may apply, "The Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for Him, and in an hour that he is not aware of; and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Flee from this impending danger to the High Priest of our profession, Who is able to save to the uttermost them that come unto God by Him.

III. Wherefore doth He come? That He may become the Author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him. That thou mayest obtain this good thing, it is necessary that even as Christ learned obedience by the things that He suffered, so thou shouldest also learn. Say then, out of an honest and good heart, with thy beloved Master, "Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God."

IV.—On God's Benefits.

MEDITATION I.

The Benefit of Creation.

I. Consider, saith St. Francis de Sales, how few years it is since thou didst begin to have being and life in the order of nature, and before that thou wast not only less than a worm or an atom, thou wast *nothing at all.* O my soul, where were we then? The world had stood for many ages, and yet nothing was heard of us. Well may we humble ourselves, and refrain from thinking anything great of ourselves, when we are of such small account. "If a man think himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself."

II. Consider, he saith again, that God hath drawn thee from the depths of nothingness, and made thee to be what thou art, not from necessity, or for His own convenience, but only out of His great goodness. Laud and glorify thy Maker. Wonder that He left so many possible creatures in nothingness, and brought forth thee, a miserable sinner; and hence understand how strictly thou art bound to serve and obey Him to whom thou owest all.

III. Consider what nature God bestowed on thee, when He made thee. The noblest of all visible beings, signed with the Creator's image, capable of eternal life, and of union with the Divine Majesty. Acknowledge, O man, thy

dignity. "Thou art a great work of God," saith St. Ambrose, "great is that which God hath given thee." Magnify His power, and take heed not to corrupt thy nobility by sin.

MEDITATION II.

The End of our Creation.

I. We were created and placed in this world that we might love and serve God and so gain eternal life. Meditate on this again and again. The service of God, and thine own salvation are thy business now and at every moment of thy life. All things else are vain or hurtful. Blush that thou hast so often gone after vanities. St. Bernard saith, "The reasonable soul is made in the likeness of God, other things may occupy it, but they cannot fill it."

II. God hath given to man created things as aids in attaining his great end. He made man for Himself, and all things else for man. Why rest in created things as though they were thy last end? Dost thou think they can afford true bliss to thy soul? Why put things drawn from nothing before thy God? Why abuse God's benefits so as to dishonour Him? Strive to draw thy heart from visible things, and to fix it on things invisible. "Vanity of vanities, and all is vanity, except to love God and serve Him alone."

III. Henceforth begin to love that which will lead thee to thy last end; obey the divine law; practise holiness; shun the enticements of sin. Earthly happiness is not necessary to thee.

Desire that which is above. Often ask thyself, after St. Bernard's example, why thou hast come into the world. To seek honours, ease, pleasures? Nay, thou wast born for heaven; seek heaven.

MEDITATION III.

The Benefit of Preservation.

I. Consider that God Who hath made thee also preserves and guides thee, and that this benefit is as great as the first. The first took place once, this goeth on continually. Nor is greater power and love shown in the one than in the other. If then thou owest much to God for having once created thee, thou owest Him more for never ceasing to preserve thee. "While I live will I praise the Lord; yea, as long as I have any being I will sing praises unto my God."

II. Consider how many things God hath appointed for thy preservation and governance. First there are the holy Angels, who ever see His face, and who are sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of Salvation. Then there are the visible creatures which God doth cause to serve this end. The heaven with its planets; the air with its birds; the seas and floods with their fishes; the earth with its beasts, fruits, flowers, colours, and perfumes. "O Lord, our Governour, how excellent is Thy Name in all the world. What is man that Thou art mindful of him?"

III. Consider not only the good which God giveth, but the evils He turneth away from us. Call to mind the multitudes of sicknesses and

misfortunes there are in the world, and how few have ever afflicted thee! And why is this? "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not; they are new every morning." Be grateful then, not in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

MEDITATION IV.

The Benefit of Redemption.

I. Consider by Whom thou hast been redeemed; by the Son of the Highest, Who hath taken man's nature to redeem Him from death. When man could not make an atonement for his own sin, His Creator came, and becoming mortal and passible gave Himself to death for His creature. O the exceeding greatness of the divine love towards us!

II. Consider how thou wast redeemed. God, Who made us by a word, could have saved us by a word; and when made Man, He could have saved us by one tear or one drop of Blood; but instead thereof He endured sufferings untold, a shameful death. [Pause for a brief space, recall one by one the different sufferings of Christ.] This He did for thee, what hast thou done for Him? Let the love of Christ constrain thee; live no longer to thyself, but to Him Who died for thee.

III. Consider from what thou hast been redeemed. From 1. Sins so great and grievous that only God's Son could know them, and make atonement for them. 2. Eternal death. 3. The

power of the devil and his angels. And now thou mayest become 1. A Son of God. 2. Heir of Eternal life. 3. Partaker of the gifts of the Holy Ghost. "What reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits He hath done unto me? I will receive the Cup of Salvation, I will offer the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the Lord."

MEDITATION V.

The Benefit of the True Faith.

I. Consider that the benefit of Redemption would have profited us nothing, unless it had been followed up by the benefit of personal justification. Medicine is of no effect unless it is applied to the sick man, so neither is the Passion of Christ of any effect to us unless its benefits be applied to us by faith and the Sacraments of the Church. Hence see that thou canst not too highly appreciate the exceeding value of the gifts which thou hast received as a member of Christ's Holy Catholic Church.

II. Consider that without the special help and assistance of God none can come to the true faith. "No man can come to Me, except the Father Which hath sent Me, draw him," saith Christ. Just as a man who stumbles is by his own nature drawn down to the ground, so the soul, weakened by sin, naturally tends to the things of earth, unless lifted upwards by the aid of divine grace, coming to her from without. Hence the Apostle says, "By grace ye are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves it is

the gift of God"; and again, "By the grace of God I am, what I am."

III. Consider, how many whole nations and peoples have been left in the darkness of heathenism and heresy. And who maketh thee to differ from these? Wast thou born among Christians, and brought up in the true Faith, or drawn to it in riper years, because of thine own merits? No, reason and faith alike forbid such a notion; the predestinating love of God prepared beforehand this grace for me, and now He hath called me, and justified me, and giveth me the blessed hope of glorification to come. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" Take the apostolic exhortation home to thyself. "Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all owliness and meekness."

MEDITATION VI.

The Benefits Peculiar to Oneself.

I. Besides the benefits common to all, thou canst number many benefits special to thyself, whether in the order of nature or of grace. Such as, being born with a sound and healthy body; having grown up to thy present age; being born of well to do parents, of good character; being endowed with a mind of tolerable intelligence; having had a good education, &c. These benefits, though far below the gifts of grace in value, are nevertheless divine gifts, and must be remembered with gratitude to Him Who gave them.

II. Thou hast also special benefits in the order

of grace to be thankful for. That thou wast early taught to know, love, and worship God; that thou hadst frequent opportunities of hearing sermons, and pious instructions; of receiving the Sacraments, &c. Remember God dealeth not thus with all. And where would thy soul have been had He left thee, as He hath left so many, without these and such like advantages?

III. Besides these there are those special benefits of God which are secret and known only to thyself. Secret inspirations of the Holy Spirit; special help against special temptations; forbearance with thee in continuance in sin; turning away from thee the just and lawful inward or outward consequences of thy sins, &c. And in the order of natural things, how often thou hast had wise and good thoughts suggested to thee which have turned to thy advantage; how often thou hast been delivered from sickness, or the danger of it, &c. Add to all these those benefits which thou hast received, but which thy dull and ungrateful heart hath neither perceived nor known. "Praised be the Lord daily, even the God who helpeth us, and poureth His benefits upon us."

MEDITATION VII.

The Benefit of Ordination.

I. "The Lord Himself is the Portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup." This ought to be the profession of every one who is enlisted in the sacerdotal army. "Who," saith St. Prosper, "is happier than he who hath his Maker for his

possession, and God Himself for his inheritance? What is more precious than God; what will suffice him for whom this is not sufficient?" Take heed that thou be not unmindful of the great excellence of thy state, and let St. Ambrose warn thee, that "he whose portion is God ought to care for nothing but God, and, separated from all stain of sin, should have nothing in common with the world."

II. "Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord; and blessed are the folk that He hath chosen to Him to be His inheritance." These people, these folk, are the ministers of the Church, who have not only made God their portion, but who have been chosen by Him to be His inheritance. "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you." These chosen ones the Lord calleth "not servants but friends." O blessed discipleship! O desirable lot! Take heed to show thyself worthy of this vocation, and as He who hath called thee is holy, so be thou holy.

III. "Ye see your calling, brethren." Thou hast been called with this vocation that, executing thy sacred ministry in holiness and righteousness, thou mayest glorify God; show forth the death and sacrifice of Jesus at the Altar; sanctify souls by the ministry of the Word and Sacraments; become an "earthen vessel," from which the treasures of divine grace may be poured out on the people. Endued with so blessed a dignity, take heed: 1. To humble thyself, and esteem thyself unworthy of it. 2. To be ready to obey Christ thy Lord in all things. 3. To make the fulfilment of thy ministry the one and only business of

thy life. "They that have ministered well, purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Short Devotions, before and after Celebration for each day of the Week.

SUNDAY: THE HOLY TRINITY.

Before. O Blessed Trinity, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee; increase our faith, increase our hope, increase our love, and to Thee shall be praise, glory, and thanksgiving for ever and ever.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to hallow the Oblation which we offer unto Thee by the power of Thine Only-begotten Son; and by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost do Thou hereby make us to become ourselves an eternal sacrifice unto Thee; through, &c.

After. Blessed be the Lord God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; even the God of Israel, Which only doeth wondrous things, and blessed be the Name of His Majesty for ever.

O Holy Father, being now refreshed by the Body and Blood of Thy Word made Flesh, we humbly beseech Thee, that being made partakers, through love, of Thy Holy Spirit, we may be filled with all Thy fulness; through, &c.

MONDAY: NAME OF JESUS.

Before. Is any among us sad? Let the Name of Jesus come into his heart, and thence spring up to his lips. And behold, at the rising light of that Name every cloud departeth, and peace returneth.

O Almighty Father accept our prayers and Oblations for His Name's sake, in which if we ask anything we trust certainly to receive the same, according to the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth, &c.

After. Jesus doth comfort the miserable; Jesus healeth the wounds of sin; Jesus conquereth hell; Jesus doth put death to flight. Let the Name of Jesus Most High sound from every mouth, and let the heart with the mouth agree.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God that by receiving these tremendous mysteries we may worthily worship our Lord Jesus Christ, at Whose Name every knee shall bow, and Who liveth, &c.

TUESDAY: THE HOLY GHOST.

Before. The Grace of the Holy Spirit assist us, and make our hearts an habitation for Him, all spiritual wickedness being driven thence.

Let thy Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify our Gifts, and enable us to serve Thy divine Majesty with a good conscience and faith unfeigned; through, &c.

After. O gracious Spirit, Enlightener of men, purge away the dreadful darkness of our souls! O Lover of holy thoughts, mercifully pour thine

unction into our minds! O Cleanser of all filthiness of the spirit, purify the eye of our inner man that we may see God!

Having been made partakers of Thy heavenly Gift we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, that the inward anointing of Thy Holy Spirit may make us strong against all the deceits of the world; through, &c.

WEDNESDAY: ALL SAINTS.

Before. O truly blessed is the Church our mother, glorified with such honour by the divine mercy! The glorious blood of the conquering martyrs doth adorn her, the snow-white Virginity of unbroken confession of faith doth clothe her. Among her flowers neither roses nor lilies are lacking.

Let our Oblations be pleasing in Thy sight, O Lord, which we offer unto Thee, making mention of All Saints; and grant that by Thy gift of Thy grace we may become meet to be fellow-citizens with them, who, although already safe themselves in eternal life, are nevertheless careful for our salvation; through, &c.

After. How happy is that city where a perpetual feast-day is kept! How joyful are those courts where care never cometh! No weariness is there, nor old age, nor guile, nor fear of the enemy, but one united voice of them that rejoice, and one burning love in all hearts.

We worship Thee, O God, as wonderful, and only Holy among all Thy Saints; humbly beseeching Thee for Thy grace whereby, perfecting holiness in Thy fear, we may be prepared to

pass from this Table of pilgrims to the eternal Banquet of the heavenly country; through, &c.

THURSDAY: THE EUCHARIST.

Before. O precious and wonderful Banquet, health-giving, and full of all sweetness! For what could be more precious than this Feast, wherein not the flesh of bulls or of goats, as under the old Law, but Christ Himself, true God, is set before us to be received?

O God, Who hast done away the diversity of sacrifices which were offered under the Law by the perfection of the One Sacrifice; accept the Oblation of Thy humble servants, and hallow it with the blessing vouchsafed to the Sacrifice of Abel; that being by faith united to Christ, our Priest and Victim, we may present ourselves a living sacrifice holy and well-pleasing unto Thee; through, &c.

After. Let us depart from this Table like lions breathing fire, terrible to the devil, considering Who is our Head, and how great is the love wherewith He hath loved us.

O Lord Jesu Christ, Who hast ordained that Thy Body and Blood should be the Price of man's salvation, the Sacrifice of Thy Church, and the Nourishment of our weakness; grant, we beseech Thee, that these Holy Things which Thou hast commanded us to receive in remembrance of Thee may work in us everlasting salvation. Who livest, &c.

FRIDAY: THE PASSION.

Before. Where shall the weak find sure and

safe security and rest save in the Saviour's Wounds? The more mighty He is to save, the more securely will I abide there.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may be purged from all transgressions by this Sacrifice, which when slain upon the Altar of the Cross took away all the sin of the world; through, &c.

After. Worship we the Crucified, proclaim we the Cross of Christ, for saved by it we live; the gates of hell tremble, the everlasting doors are lifted up, by this Sign we conquer.

O Lord our God, Who daily in a Holy Mystery, dost show forth the Sacrifice once for all offered on the Cross; grant, we beseech Thee, that as often as we celebrate this Holy Sacrament we may perceive anew within ourselves the effect of Thy Redemption; Who livest, &c.

SATURDAY: THE DEAD.

Before. Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and to Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem; Thou that hearest the prayer unto Thee shall all flesh come.

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, that holy Victim, by Whom the handwriting that was against us was blotted out; and we beseech Thee that for His sake the sins of Thy faithful servants departed may be done away, that they may evermore sing praise unto Thee in the heavenly Jerusalem; through, &c.

After. Turn again, then, unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath rewarded thee; I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to turn unto eternal rest the souls for whom we offer Sacrifice unto Thee; that as they sleep in Jesus, so they may with Him live in the light of the living; through, &c.

A Prayer of St. Augustine.

O LORD Jesu, let me know Thee, and know myself.
Let me desire nothing, save Thee.
Let me hate myself, and love Thee.
Whatever I love, let me love it because of Thee.
Let me humble myself, and exalt Thee.
Let me think of nothing, apart from Thee.
Let me die to self, and live to Thee.
Whatever shall happen, let me accept it from Thee.
Let me deny myself, and go after Thee.
And desire ever to follow Thee.
Let me be counted worthy, because defended by Thee.
Let me fear myself, and fear Thee.
Let me be among those chosen by Thee.
Let me distrust self, and trust Thee.
Let me be ready to obey because of Thee.
Let me cleave to nothing, except to Thee.
Look upon me, that I may love Thee.
Call me, that I may see Thee.
And for ever enjoy Thee. Amen.

Hymn on the Priesthood.

Besnault, in the Paris Breviary: translated by I. Williams.

O Sacerdotum veneranda jura.

AWFUL is the priestly state,
Which by faith beheld aright,
Closes and unbars the gate
Though unseen by mortal sight.
Christ, in this His earthly seat,
Holds in them the balance meet,
Binds and lets the sinner's feet
In His own appointed rite.

When they ply their healing art,
'Tis His hand in them is found;
When they soothe the wounded heart,
His anointing heals the wound.
When they speak, the faithful sheep
Drink their words, and hide them deep,
For the Law of God they steep
First in their own hearts prepared.

When the wrath is going forth,
And the vial in mid-air,
They stand forth to stop the wrath
With deep importuning prayer.
May they, Lord, themselves be wise,
Who touch Thy dread Mysteries,
Mirrors, in their people's eyes,
Worthy of the things they bear.

Father, Spirit, Son divine,
Who dost rescue from the grave,
From heaven's central echoing shrine
Let Thy glory, wave on wave,
Fill the all-surrounding sea
Of shoreless eternity,
Singing, Priest of priests, of Thee
And Thy mighty power to save. Amen.

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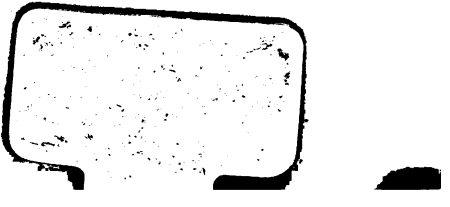
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